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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

EVIDENCES OF TROUBLE AND DISTRESS IN GERMANY.

BRITISH QUITE READY FOR GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

Mr. Lloyd George Points the Way to Victory.

GERMANY STILL RECKONING ON BIG WAR INDEMNITIES.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

MRS. ASQUITH.

GRANTED INJUNCTION AGAINST THE "GLOBE."

December 21, 1.45 p.m.
The King's Bench has granted Mrs. Asquith an injunction against the *Globe*.
Counsel said there was not a shadow of truth in the statements made by the *Globe*. Mrs. Asquith had never been to Downing Hall and had had no communication with any of the inmates.

THE WAY TO VICTORY.

ALL DEPENDS ON NEXT FEW MONTHS.

December 21, 4.35 a.m.
In the course of his speech on the Ministry of Munitions, in the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George said an example of the winning power of munitions was given in the battle of Loos, in which everything was destroyed except one machine-gun emplacement in front of which lay hundreds of gallant men. Hence, money spared in munitions was spilt in blood. The way to victory was for shells to crash through everything, shattering every machine-gun and every yard of barbed wire, and said Mr. Lloyd George, we cannot turn out too much. Such ideas will not enter the mind of workmen, capitalists and taxpayers until we are able to crush a way to victory. If risks had to be taken, let them be risks to the pockets of taxpayers and not to the lives of men. Proper economy would not reduce the output but the cost.

Everything, said Mr. Lloyd George, depended upon the next few months. The decisions of the last Allied Conference would affect the whole conduct of the war, but the carrying out of them rested with the workmen. He appealed to their patriotism, and said the chances of victory were still with us; our best chances remained. We had accomplished our sea task; the last letter, we had an overwhelming superiority in the raw materials of war, we had ready access to neutrals, and we had a better cause. But this was the moment of intense preparation—the moment for putting our whole energies at home into preparing for the blow we had to strike abroad.

DISTRESS IN GERMANY.

NO CHRISTMAS CAKES!

December 21, 2.10 p.m.
Every day brings fresh confirmation of the distress being caused in Germany through lack of fat. Owing to the extreme scarcity of butter, the making of Christmas cakes is forbidden. In Saxony no milk is allowed with tea or coffee in the restaurants.

DEPENDING ON IMAGINARY INDEMNITIES.

That Germany still depends on big war indemnities for partial extrication from its financial chaos was admitted by Dr. Helfferich in the Reichstag. The occasion was a speech in which he endeavored to break to the people the idea that "war brings us a colossal burden of taxation, no matter how high the war indemnity when we are victorious."

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

BRITISH READY FOR THE GERMANS.

December 21, 2.10 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters in France, referring to neutral reports of a big German offensive, says:—"The one place where the ominous warning is regarded with perfect indifference is the British front. A Staff Officer to whom I mentioned the matter smiled and said, 'It is true there has been a lot of coming and going with the Germans lately, but we know exactly the real meaning of it all. You remember the historic General who marched his little Army round and round a hill till the spectacle got on his adversary's nerves, causing a stampede? The next result of what the Germans are now doing resembles this time-honoured trick.'"

OMINOUS SIGNS.

December 21, 2.10 p.m.
A message from Amsterdam states that there has again been great gun-thundering heard in the direction of Ypres. No news is obtainable from the front, but there is still greater railway activity, especially on the part of German hospital trains.

SIR IAN HAMILTON.

NOT RETURNING TO NEAR EAST.

December 22, 11.45 a.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith stated that Sir Ian Hamilton was not returning to the Near East. If any other duties were assigned to him, an announcement would be made in due course.

In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

ALLIES ARTILLERY ADVANTAGES.

December 20, 4.50 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent in Paris states that vigorous artillery engagements, in which the Allies have had the advantage, are again the feature of the communiques.

ENEMY'S AREOPLANES ACTIVE.

December 21, 12.25 p.m.
The Press Bureau publishes a despatch from Headquarters which states:—"A heavy reciprocal bombardment took place in the vicinity of Ypres. Opposite the southern portion of the centre line we bombarded several positions of the enemy's trenches. Hostile artillery heavily shelled Ypres and St. Jean. It was also active against our front line and support trenches, also at Zonnebeke, Zandvoorde, Ghelvelst and Trenchin. An enemy bombing attack on our trenches near the quarries northwest of Halluin was repulsed. There was considerable activity by the enemy's aeroplanes, which attempted to prevent our machines from making reconnaissances, but these attempts were unsuccessful. There were forty-four combats in the air during the day. Two of the enemy's aeroplanes were brought down behind their lines and other driven down apparently damaged. One of our machines is missing."

FRENCH EXPLODE ENEMY MUNITION DEPOT.

December 21, 2.11 a.m.
The latest Paris communiques reports ever-growing artillery activity. Violent duels have occurred in Artois, particularly in the region of Loos and Givenchy. The French artillery demolished a bridge between Souchez and Rheims. The French in Champagne dispersed an enemy marching force and smashed a railway much used by the enemy. There is the same activity in Argonne, where the French exploded a munition depot. French also wrecked German trenches at Hanorville wood, near St. Mihiel, and also succeeded in destroying a blockhouse bristling with machine guns. A French air squadron effectively bombed the station of Mulhausen.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

BRITISH LOSSES IN MACEDONIAN CAMPAIGN.

December 21, 5.00 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Tennant said the British casualties in the Macedonian campaign up to the 11th inst. were 32 officers and 1,248 men, of whom only one officer and 85 men were killed.

GREEK AND BULGARIAN TROOPS AT GREECE.

December 20, 4.30 p.m.
A message from Belgrade states that Greek and Bulgarian advance posts have been fighting on the Greco-Albanian frontier in the region of Korit. Both sides suffered losses in killed and wounded, and Greek reinforcements have been sent to the scene. It is also announced that martial law has been proclaimed at Argyrokastron owing to the discovery of a Macedonian plot. The latter are getting aggressive owing to the approach of the Belgians.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE DARDANELLES.

THE SUVLA BAY LANDING.

December 20, 5.00 p.m.
General Sir Ian Hamilton's report on the Suvla Bay landing, and the subsequent operations, will be published shortly.

THE WITHDRAWAL FROM ANZAC.

December 20, 5.30 p.m.
Mr. Asquith announced in the House of Commons that the withdrawal from Anzac was in pursuance of a decision arrived at by the Cabinet some time ago (Cheam). The operation, he said, had been so successfully carried out that it reflected the utmost credit on the Generals on the spot, the Admiral, the Staff and on all ranks of both the Army and the Navy.

THE TURKS OUTWITTED.

December 20, 10.15 p.m.
The War Office further announces that, without the Turks being aware of the movement, a great army has been withdrawn from one of the Gallipoli areas although in places it was in contact with the enemy. By this contraction of the front, the operations at other points of the line will be more effectively carried out. General Murray in command of the forces at Gallipoli, gives great credit to the Generals commanding and to the Navy.

SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON TURKISH TRENCHES.

December 21, 2.40 a.m.
The Paris evening communiques indicate that the Allies are still holding the western extremity of Gallipoli since it mentions that the French artillery on the 19th supported a successful British attack on the Turkish trenches. The communiques, alluding to the Anzac withdrawal, emphasize that the strategic importance of the position had been diminished owing to fresh developments in the East. It confirms that the withdrawal was effected in agreement between the Allied Staffs, without loss of material and unmolested by the Turks.

RELIEF AND REGRET.

December 21, 6.40 a.m.
Relief at the successful withdrawal, and regret that it was necessary, is the prevailing note in the morning's comments on the Gallipoli announcement. Great admiration is expressed at the strategic masterstroke of withdrawing large forces from such a circumscribed zone which was dominated at every point by Turkish guns.

MINISTRY OF MUNITIONS.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S DETAILED STATEMENT.

December 20, 8.35 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George made a statement on the Ministry of Munitions. He dwelt on the enormous importance of the part that machinery had played in this war. The German successes were due, he said, to the tardiness of the Allies in developing their mechanical resources. Though Britain's command of the sea showed, besides her excellence in sailors, her overwhelming superiority in sea machinery, there was another aspect and that was the machinery, which spared men both in attack and defence. He mentioned that there was a shortage of munitions in the month of May. When the Germans were using a quarter of a million shells a day, mostly high explosive shells, Britain was producing 2,500 high explosive shells and 13,000 shrapnel. The deliveries then only amounted to about sixteen per cent. of the promises; but today, with prominent business men running the departments, everything had been speeded up, great quantities of raw materials had been secured for the Allies and the deliveries were eighty per cent. of largely increased promises. Mr. Lloyd George described the great munition areas and the work of the local boards. He emphasized that the national factories were a conspicuous success, vastly increasing the output, minimizing labour difficulties and checking prices. He also emphasized the splendid patriotic work of private firms. He spoke of the tremendous expenditure of shells during the September battle, lasting for weeks. The result was that four months' hoarding was replaced in a month and would soon be replaceable in a week. He forecasted an output of many guns of the largest size, declaring that machine guns had increased five-fold since June. He declared that all requirements would be well in sight by the New Year. Mr. Lloyd George then detailed the immense manufacture of grenades, catapults, spring guns, helmets and mortars and said Britain also ought to be able to supply the high explosives needed by her Allies. He predicted important economies in contracts, etc., and for the developing of home resources he said he wanted eighty thousand skilled and two hundred thousand unskilled workers for new factories. These things would enable them to make the 1916 campaign a success. The expenditure on munitions in September was prodigious, but he said that three times the quantity would have achieved twenty times the result. He pointed out that two hundred millions would buy a vast amount. It represented forty days' cost of the war, but at the crucial moment the war might be won by it in forty days instead of lingering on for four hundred.

THE WORKERS' PROMISE.

December 21, 2.35 a.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Thomas, speaking on behalf of the Labour Party, assured the House that the workers would respond to Mr. Lloyd George's appeal for additional labour.

TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

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General Ruzsky, Commander of the Russian Northern Armies, has resigned owing to ill-health.

The Paris communiques and a report from British Headquarters indicate increasing activity in the West.

The British troops were withdrawn from Suvla Bay and Anzac without the Turks being aware of the fact.

Mr. Asquith hopes to make a statement on Lord Derby's re-entrance scheme before the adjournment.

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If risks have to be taken, says Mr. Lloyd George, let them be risks to the pockets of taxpayers and not to the lives of men.

The House of Commons has agreed to a compromise whereby the life of Parliament shall be eight months instead of a year.

Mr. Asquith states that the British withdrawal from Anzac was in pursuance of a decision of the Cabinet made some time ago.

A speech by Dr. Helfferich indicates that Germany still depends on big war indemnities for partial extrication from its financial chaos.

Reuter's correspondent at the Headquarters in France says the one place where the warning of a big German offensive is regarded with perfect indifference is the British front.

According to Mr. Lloyd George, this is the moment of intense preparation—the moment for putting our whole energies at home into preparing for the blow we have to strike abroad.

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OUR CONTEMPORARIES

South China Morning Post.

Duration of the War.
 Although Reuter still seems to be niggardly in reporting the operations in the various scenes of war, one significant item has been permitted to filter through which is worthy of comment. It relates to the announcement in London on Sunday by Lord Derby. The great recruiting organizer said he was convinced that "the statement of the results of recruiting would show that the country was absolutely right and probably the end of the war would come sooner than many expected." Such a pronouncement by a recognized authority of recruiting, lends encouragement to the thought that the heart of old England still beats true, and the response of the men has been worthy of her best traditions.

Daily Press.

Hongkong and the Call for Recruits.

The whole world has watched with deep interest and anxiety the efforts recently made to stimulate recruiting in the British Isles. A large number of people have now reached that stage of mental outlook concerning the war which makes them willing to agree to almost anything that will ensure victory for the Allies as quickly as possible. So many of our cherished ideals have been shattered, so many of our political theories have been swept aside by the tidal wave which has engulfed Europe, that we are ready to consent to postpone even the approach to a possible millennium to be saved from the present inferno. Therefore, we keep in mind the one central feature of the present situation, which is that more men are still needed for the far flung front. It is probable Mr. Billings Belloc, who has been fairly right in his forecasts of recent events, declares it is a certainty that henceforth Germany will be unable to fill the gaps made by the Allies in her ranks. In short, she has passed the points on the curve where the available reserves were greater than, or equal to, the casualties.

China Mail.

Notes and Comments.
 We welcome the statement made by the Chairman of the Licensing Board yesterday that "on no occasion is business transacted which could have any interest for the public without the representatives of the Press having an opportunity of being present." This statement was made in answer to some remarks which the Chairman stated had appeared in the public Press "to the effect that the representatives of the Press had been required to withdraw when business which would be of interest to the public was to be discussed, and that the camera methods were to be deprecated, or words to that effect." The Hon. Mr. Seymour mentioned that in the case which gave rise to these remarks no business was transacted after the representatives of the Press had left. Surely, however, in view of the public interest in the matters referred to, some announcement should have been made to the representatives of the Press that the further business on the agenda would not be transacted.

For a good night's sleep, take a little of this. It will give you a good night's sleep.

GENERAL NEWS.

Heavy Rain in Madras. Madras, November 21.—The monsoon has burst with a vengeance. Rain has been pouring incessantly for some days and several roads in the town are under water. It is raining heavily at the time of writing. — Associated Press.

Ceylon's War Contribution. Colombo, November 20.—The Governor having given final assent to the war contribution ordinance passed at the Legislative Council, has telegraphed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies a request that the £100,000 may be paid over to the Imperial Government from Ceylon's balances in London forthwith.

A High Sheriff's Example. The High Sheriff of Lancashire (Mr. Edward Graham Wood) has discontinued for the remainder of his year of office the official dinners at which it is customary for the High Sheriff to entertain the grand jury, and instead has made a contribution of £500 to the funds of the Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Throwing a Centenarian Downstairs. Pittsburgh, November 13.—Mrs. Ellen Harper, who gave her age as a "little over 100 years," appeared in court to-day to prosecute her son-in-law, James Ross, who, she said, had struck her and thrown her down a flight of stairs at their home. The aged woman was found last night by a policeman lying on the sidewalk and so badly hurt it was necessary to send her to a hospital. Ross was fined \$25 and costs.

Interesting to Philatelists. The Viceroy of India has presented to the Royal Philatelic Society nine lithographic stones and four engraved copper plates which were used in the production of the first general Indian postage stamps, printed at Calcutta in 1854-55 by Captain (afterwards General Sir Henry) Thackeray, Surveyor-General of India, from the designs of Babu Numerdeen.

American Arrested in London. London, November 12.—John Wesley de Kay, of New York, was remanded at Bow Street Police Court to-day on a charge of fraud in France in connection with the supply of rifles to the Belgian Government. Bail was not allowed. The prisoner is said to be an author, and a member of several New York and Boston clubs. In the spring of 1914 he went to Europe on a mission to purchase arms and ammunition for the Government of Provisional President Huerta.

Shortage of Wheat in Mozambique. Bombay, November 22.—A representation by the Hindu inhabitants of Mozambique has been received by the Bombay Presidency Association in which they complain that, owing to the prohibition of wheat export from India, the Hindu inhabitants of Mozambique, who number some 300,000, have been suffering from shortage of food, wheat being their staple food. The Association has been requested to forward the representation to the Government of India.

The Worship of Heaven. It is understood that the 23rd of December has been appointed by the Chinese Government as the day for the Worship of Heaven. The day has been proclaimed as a holiday for the different Government offices and schools. A grand sacrifice will be offered at the Temple of Heaven. The Minister of the Interior has received orders from the President to make things ready against this "solemn occasion." The different Ministers and other Government officials have been ordered each to appoint a number of officials to participate in the sacrifice. Orders have already been sent by the Minister of the Interior to the officials of the Temple of Heaven to superintend the various preparations.

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NOTICE.

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EXCLUSIVE AGENTS

MOUTRIE'S.

GENERAL NEWS.

Fatal Washington Fire. Washington, Nov. 16.—One man was burned to death and three others were probably fatally injured as a result of a fire at the historic Benning Race Track in the suburbs of Washington last night, which in addition to burning 14 of the stables and other structures, burned at least 20 valuable horses to death. Estimates to-day placed the loss at about \$27,000.

Superfluous Alcohol. With the object of utilizing the heavy stocks of alcohol which are at the disposal of the Treasury, and in view of the fact that countries friendly to and allied with Russia are in need of alcohol, the Minister of Finance proposed to the Council of Ministers to-day the export in the near future of about thirty million vedras (eighty-two and a-half million gallons) of alcohol.

Saving the Labour. Messrs. Swan and Edgar have decided not to clean the brass on their shop fronts in Regent street and Piccadilly because they feel that twelve men employed for four hours a day in polishing the brass could turn their time to better advantage. The weather will tone down the brass—it may even look neglected—but it is a possible neglect in a good cause.

Negro Shot in Illinois. Taylorville, Ill., Nov. 6.—A posse of a thousand men, to-day surrounded in a wood three negroes accused of shooting Guy A. Winters, of Decatur, shot one of the negroes to death and captured a second. The negroes are accused of shooting Winters, who is a Washburn train conductor, when he put them off his train. It is thought that he will recover.

Wireless for Mexico. San Francisco, Nov. 6.—Purchase of five powerful wireless telegraph plants to establish communication between the west coast of Mexico, all parts of the United States and Vancouver, B. C., has been ordered by General Venustiano Carranza, first chief of the Mexican Republic, it was announced here to-day. Stations are to be erected at Mazatlan and Guaymas, and smaller ones at Guadalupe, Manzanillo and San Blas, Mexico.

Krupp's Tip. A member of the diplomatic service vouches for the following incident:—Just before the war, a Balkan State that has always admired and liked France had a big ammunition order to place. Both Krupp and Oerlikon were out to get it, and competition was keen. Krupp's representative did not know the local Minister of War, and, mistaking his man, clumsily thrust a \$4,000 cheque into his hands at one of their interviews. The Minister took it, and with a smiling smile, said: "Thank you, in the name of the Red Cross!"—and the next day Krupp's donation figured at the head of the Red Cross list of subscribers, while Oerlikon got the ammunition order.

NOTICES

G. R.

Any European, Non-Asiatic or Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in writing for permission to do so to the Captain Superintendent of Police, at least 48 hours before the intended hour of departure, giving name, nationality, age, sex, height and occupation of the applicant, and stating the name of the steamer or other vessel or the hour of the train by which the applicant wishes to leave. Applicants should apply in person for their passes at the Central Police Station between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Hongkong 9th, July, 1915.

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MARRIAGE.

BOYLING-ROBINSON.—At Shanghai on December 15, 1915, at H. B. M. Consulate, by Sir Everard Fraser, K.C.M.G., Harold G. Boyling of Bristol, England, to Clara, eldest daughter of Mrs. James Robinson, of Shanghai.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1915.

CHINA AND EDUCATION.

A native paper, the *Yang Shing Pao*, has been addressing its readers in very plain language on the subject of the alleged progress of education in China. It begins—and ends—by denying that progress, and it incidentally points to some very weak spots in the country's new educational system. Other calamities are being encountered—because "not much real work has been done." Our contemporary finds that it is merely names, and not things, that have been changed by the country's attachment to republicanism. "Those in charge thought they were improving the teaching when they shortened the hours of study or dropped some important subjects. The old classics were forbidden at one time; at another they were considered to be the most important in the curriculum. We have never seen that any zealous improvement has been carried out at all."

Obviously the value of the above statement lies in the fact that it comes from a Chinese and not from a European writer. When we look back on all that has been written about "progressive" China we shall find that somewhere about nine-tenths can be ascribed to foreign authorship, and the odd tenth to extraneous matters among the Chinese who, in picking up information about western countries wherein they have sojourned, have lost touch with their own, and really know less about its condition and needs than many Europeans who have resided in it for a reasonable length of time. With all due respect to the foreign-travel fetish, those who understand China best are those who have never been out of it; and we will even make bold to add that those who understand it least are the foreigners who will persist in seeing it only through Western eyes. The missionary, however good his intentions, sets out with the idea that the teaching is to be all on his side and the learning on China's, and, to the end of his career, he cherishes very lovingly the belief that all that China can teach us does not amount to much. The result naturally is that much of his life is passed in seeking to foist on the Chinese not only the white man's way of doing things but his very thoughts and point of view. Those Chinese who can be persuaded to act up to his teaching are merely making a bid for a half-and-half, fish-out-of-water mental existence; in other words, they throw away the good things of their fathers' days and are not able to assimilate those which the foreigner has come to offer them; they grab at the shadow and drop the substance.

That there is something like a greed on the part of a large section of the Chinese for a knowledge of Western school subjects, is not denied. The Chinese, like the British, are a commercially-minded race, and therefore it would be strange if there were not among their number many who have a very shrewd eye to the main chance. To them, familiarity with certain things, once regarded as peculiar to the West, means an increase of income. But this snatching at a knowledge of e.g. engineering or medicine is hardly the same thing as education; moreover those who want to "match" do not represent anything like one per cent. of China's people. Those Chinese who are given to looking squarely and bravely at facts have to admit that the foreigner has brought them but little good, and that the constant imitating of him by many of their own people may yet bring sorrow to the imitators. We do not hanker after a China of the "thirties and forties": a land of closed ports where stranger and enemy were synonymous terms; but the more we see of the Chinese the more strongly do we feel that a foreignized China will be a curse to the race.

The Cheats—

One is tempted to observe that the police are keeping a keen eye on the cheating shopkeeper. Yesterday three of these gentry were brought up at the Police Court—two for using faulty scales and the other for being in possession of a false cloth rule. All were deservingly made to pay for straying from the path of honesty and rectitude, though the fines were, in our opinion, not nearly big enough. The class of trader here dealt with was that whose dealings are solely, or very largely, with Chinese shoppers. That, of course, does not affect the offence one way or the other. But we have before made the point that the ordinary comprador—he who practically lives on foreign custom—is all too often guilty of dishonest practices, especially in the matter of giving short weight and of over-charging to an abominable extent. And these are the men who should be tracked down. The police cannot do everything, and here at any rate is an admirable opportunity for the Food Committee to send round either some of its own members or plain-clothed agents to catch these greedy rogues at their little games. The thing could easily be done if the Committee were only alive to its opportunities.

—And the Strugglers.

The Chinese who are bent on doing a little opium-smuggling generally manage to display a considerable degree of ingenuity in hiding the drug. Instances in which the forbidden stuff is hidden inside the shoe or wound round the body in cloth are fairly common, just as the old trick of concealing the drug in a false-bottomed trunk or barrel is. Within the past couple of days, however, two revealed clever wheezes have been revealed in cases which came before the Police Court. In one instance the opium was discovered in a cleverly-contrived tin box made so as to fit close to the body, while in the other the stuff was found to be covered with shrimp paste and was being passed off as such. These are quite typical instances of Chinese ingenuity in smuggling methods, but they are not quite smart enough to trick the police. Remembering the wily folk they are up against, the police certainly do well to make the seizures they do, and they are to be commended for so often catching the smugglers and the drug at one and the same time.

Possession of Explosives.

The case of a Chinese woman who was caught in possession of eighteen sticks of dynamite for the alleged purpose of fishing, and was yesterday fined \$50, raises a serious question. Every now and again instances of this kind crop up, and one may be pardoned for wondering how these folk get hold of this dangerous substance. Apart from the possible danger to the possessors themselves, there are good and sound public reasons why the strictest precautions should be taken to prevent explosives of any kind getting into the hands of Chinese. Quite rightly, the use of explosives is here, as at home, against the fishery laws, but the point we wish to make is that the stuff, once possessed, may easily be used for other and even more serious purposes. And it is for this reason that a far closer check than at present exercised should be kept on every ounce of explosive which comes into the Colony.

CRICKET.

Hongkong v. Kowloon.

The following will represent Hongkong in the above match on the Club ground on Christmas Day and Boxing Day: Play will commence at 2.15 p.m. on the 25th and 10.30 a.m. on the 27th:—Messrs. T. E. Pearce (Capt.), H. N. Anderson, R. E. O. Bird, R. A. Broad, D. E. Donnelly, A. L. Gase, R. O. Hutchinson, R. Kennedy, M. N. Mass, H. E. Marzall and F. Hume-Thomas.

DAY-BY-DAY.

THE PURITANS HATED BRAWLING, NOT BECAUSE THEY GAVE PAID TO THE DEAR BUT BECAUSE THEY GAVE PLEASURE TO THE SPECTATORS.—Macaulay

The Weather.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 50; fine.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 60; fine.

The Mails.
English Mail.—Due to-day per s.s. Novara.
Australian Mail.—Due to-day per s.s. Empire.
Siberian Mail.—Closed to-day per s.s. Novara.
Canadian and Siberian Mails.—Closed to-morrow per s.s. Yokohama 11 a.m.
Siberian Mail.—Closes to-morrow per s.s. Shantung 3 p.m.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 100/15/16.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 183rd anniversary of the birth of Sir Richard Arkwright, the inventor.

Chinese Festival.
To-morrow, according to the Chinese Calendar, is the festival of "Tung-chih," or the Winter Solstice.

Voyage Report.
Yesterday from Shanghai, arrived this morning, reports that the weather throughout, with moderate North-east wind and sea.

Sir Charles Elliot.
Sir Charles Elliot, Vice-Chancellor of Hongkong, who arrived in the Philippines on December 18 on the Nippon Maru, and is a guest at the Manila Hotel. Embellishment Case Remanded.
A case in which a man named Ho Shui-wa was charged with embezzling the sum of \$123.00, the monies of his employers, M. & Co. Ho Ling Kee, was brought before Mr. Wood this morning. Mr. Davidson applied for a remand, which was granted for a week.

Another Opium Case.
Before Mr. Hazeland, this morning, a Chinese was charged with the unlawful possession of opium and also with attempting to export 12 tins of raw Persian opium by the s.s. Haiching. He was remanded in bail of \$250. Mr. L. D'Almeida appeared for the defendant.

Harbour Offences.
Before Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., at the Marine Court, this morning, Police Sergeant Edward Bond charged Chan Fo, boatmaster, with unlawfully using drugs for the purpose of lifting articles from the bed thereof, on the 22nd inst. A fine of \$5 was imposed. Hidden in His Shoes.
A man was charged by Sergeant Allen, of the Naval Police, this morning with stealing 2 lbs. of red lead, the property of His Majesty's Naval Dockyard. Mr. Hazeland sentenced him to two months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks. Defendant was caught coming out of the gates with a packet of lead in each shoe.

Damaged Mail.
The Post Office announces that a portion of the mail which arrived from Europe to-day by s.s. Novara (including registered articles) has been recovered damaged by sea-water owing to a leak in the cargo hold. It is notified that no claims in respect of such damage can be entertained.

Bail Estimated.
A Chinese was charged before Mr. Hazeland, this morning, with stealing a bag of sugar valued \$5. The theft took place in the harbour, the man being a coolie employed on the Dairy Farm launch. Mr. P. W. Goldring, who appeared for the defence said the defendant had bolted. Defendant did not appear, and his bail was estimated.

Two Months' Hard Labour.
Before Mr. J. R. Wood, this morning, a Chinese was charged with attempting to steal a lead water pipe from the lavatory on board the s.s. Kwang Tung. Capt. H. W. Walker said that the Chief Officer reported to him that a man had been caught in the act of stealing the pipe. Witness handed the man over to the police. The chief clerk deposed to seeing the defendant trying to wrench the pipe off. Defendant, who had a previous conviction, was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND MUNITIONS.

An Interesting Mixture.

As not uncommonly happens, quantity outdoes both quality and definiteness where the news from Gallipoli is concerned and, were we disposed to feel over critical, we might suggest that the same applies to the cables from the Western and Balkan fronts. Almost simultaneously with the retirement of Field-marshal French comes the withdrawal of the famous Russian leader, General Smolny. Let us hope that it is all for the best and that the changes that are being made have not been entered upon without due reflection as to the value of the old saying about not changing horses while crossing a stream. The Premier's statement concerning the recruiting is still unavailably withheld. Hope deferred maketh the heart sick—and sometimes a tiny bit suspicious. Another item that interests without pleasing is the statement that the notorious De Wet and over a hundred of his confederates have been set at liberty. Surely that could have waited. The Government trusted to De Wet's honour before—and what was the result? It is a disgrace that he was not shot out of hand instead of merely being imprisoned. Such stories make sorry reading for those who realise how the Imperial Government's want of firmness has hashed matters all through the war. As long as the Radical spirit remains in the Cabinet, so long may we expect to see folies of this kind indulged in; indeed if it kindles much longer we look to see half interned Germans at home set at liberty—and, possibly even given medals for their heroic endurance of a comfortable captivity. Why won't the Cabinet either get on or else get out?

Munitions.
There is complexity in Mr. Lloyd George's statement regarding munitions, but the heart of it is in the right place, and it encourages us to believe that, despite Government mismanagement and trade union treason in the past, something really is being done. The speech certainly contains some awkward revelations into which the British elector will want to enquire pretty closely when the war is over; but no good comes of keeping these things back and Mr. Lloyd George will not be censured for his frankness. It is quite evident that, since the munitions affair was put upon a businesslike basis, matters have prospered. The speaker too hard or too often on the need for an ever-increasing supply of shells. He tells us (as we should have been told at the beginning of the war—nay, long before it began) that Germany's hopes of success lay in the enormous start that she had of us in possessing such magnificent supplies of explosives; and an unending quantity of such can we hope to force our way to victory.

The Workers.
On two points does the Minister of Munitions lay special emphasis: the wonderful work of the Navy and the need for the working man's co-operation with the Government and Army chiefs. Mr. Lloyd George's tribute to the Navy is by no means so superficial as some of us may think. We Britishers are terribly slow to grasp an idea, and we only cease from grumbling when the fact is forced in front of us that one half of the war was won, the day that the German fleet scuttled away into hiding and decided to remain there. I was on his fleet that the Kaiser relied, quite as much as on his army, and our blunders by their tireless labours have converted that fleet literally into a convent. As to the workers, Mr. Lloyd George has surely made it evident enough that the game is up to them, and perhaps we ought to take comfort from Mr. Thomas' assurances in the House that the response will be there. There is yet time for the trade unions to make their comrades at the Front forget that they have disgraced themselves in the past; Mr. Lloyd George wants eighty thousand skilled and two hundred thousand unskilled men. Is he going to get them?

ITALIAN CONVENT SCHOOL.

Distribution of Prizes This Afternoon.

The distribution of Prizes to scholars of the Italian Convent School, in Cairns Road, took place this afternoon, the ceremony being performed by Lady May. Prior to the presentation, a most excellent musical programme was contributed, the various items of which were greatly appreciated. The programme was as follows:—
"Marco Virenti" (E. Fasanotti), Piano, 4 hands, Misses E. Figueiredo and P. Campos.
Recitation, "He will be a Soldier," Miss M. Soriano.
Song, "O Mio Sorella Solemna Thought," (J. C. Warburton), (Misses G. Felice, F. Neves, P. Benito, M. de Jesus, E. Danenberg, A. del Campo and E. Figueiredo. Accomp. Miss D. Morris.
Recitation (in Portuguese), "Vaso," Miss M. E. Cabaco.
Piano, "Rapsodie Hongroise," (Fr. Liszt), Miss M. Jison.
Recitation, "The Spirit of Contradiction," Miss C. Fasilio.
"Nocturne de Concert" (Arranged from Goria), piano and violin, Misses M. and S. Jison, J. Braga and A. Stan.
Action Song and Fancy Drill, "Virtue, Knowledge and Harmony," Misses B. White, E. Sallivan and F. Neves. 24 Fairies.

Manager's Report.
The Manager's report for the year 1914-15 was read by the Rev. Fr. de Maria, and was as follows:—
I have the honour to present my report on the school for the year just closed.
It is with deep regret that I have to record the death, on 25th August last, of Sister Teodora (Sister Durina), who for over 40 years was associated with the school, first as one of its teachers and subsequently as the Superioress. Although for some time before her death Sister Durina, through ill-health, had not taken an active part in the teaching of the school, her linguistic attainment, long experience and intimate knowledge of its needs were invaluable in its betterment. Her loss is irreparable.
In point of attendance, the school year 1914-15 has established a record. The number of pupils increased to 387 in April last, while the average daily attendance for the whole year has been 324.08 as compared with 300.5 in 1913-1914.
At the present time the staff consists of fourteen teachers who are efficiently assisted by pupil teachers. In order to comply with the requirements of the Education Department the latter have been attending the Teacher's Class of the Technical Institute. Their number increased from one to five. I have pleasure in reporting that all the pupil teachers successfully passed the Institute's examination held in June last.

The school's syllabus, in so far as it related to the upper classes, was adapted so as to conform with the standard set by the Hongkong University. The syllabus for the year of the school is one approved by the Director of Education.
The Inspector of English Schools, Mr. E. Balphs, conducted a minute examination of the whole school before the mid-summer holidays. As a result of that examination that official was pleased to report the school as "thoroughly efficient."

In addition to the subjects prescribed by the syllabus private lessons are given in Portuguese, Italian and French, typewriting and shorthand, as well as painting and drawing. Many pupils attend these private classes, and there is evidence that typewriting and stenography are becoming increasingly popular.

Ten scholars presented themselves for theory and speech examinations held by Pagan's examinations in June, October and November, respectively. The result of the earliest examination has already been received, two "Theory Certificates" having been granted to Miss Dorothy Ezzaret and Miss Frances Seyce. The certificates will be presented this afternoon. The result of the examinations held in October and November is not yet to hand. The papers have been forwarded to Bath for correction.

The honour of having their names inscribed on the Legend Shield belongs this year to Miss Florentina Nunes, and Miss Violet Tass. It will be remembered that the Shield was presented by Lady Legard for the girls who set the best example in the school during the year for character and moral worth. To perpetuate Lady Legard's practice prizes have been awarded these two girls by the School of two medals which year Ladyship will be asked to present this afternoon.

The Legard Scholars founded in 1910 by the late Sir Horatio Mody, under certain specific conditions were won last year by Miss Helen Clarke, and Miss Marceles Florentina Nunes.

Dr. F. M. Gracia Ovario has very generously donated a scholarship in commemoration of his late brother, Mr. Francisco de Gracia Ovario. Dr. Francisco Ovario's commendable purpose is to assist the successful scholar to pursue her course of studies to a successful end. His scholarship has been so designed, and has been won by Miss Dorothy Ezzaret.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Horaby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:—

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1	150	
2	138	
3	151	
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Total to 21st inst.	3,098	
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In the music class, enthusiasm continues unabated. It is a singular fact worth recording that Chinese scholars are taking to music in increasing numbers. It is hoped that the time will soon arrive when the Hongkong University will see its way to award certificates of music in the same way as they were awarded by the Local Committee of the London College of Music. I commend the subject to the notice of the University authorities.

To fall into line with the new Grant Code now in operation, the Oxford Local Examinations were given up in favour of the Junior and Senior Examination conducted by the authorities of the Hongkong University. These examinations were held from the 12th to the 17th July inclusive. Six candidates were sent up for the Junior and one for the senior examinations, of whom four and one passed, respectively. The juniors passed with distinction and the senior, Miss Un Pak San, enjoys the further distinction of having passed with Honours. She was one of the only two girls to have passed with honours in the senior section among all the girl candidates who presented themselves for examination from the schools in the Colony.

By the courtesy of Rev. Bro. Aymar, director of St. Joseph's College, and the Committee of the Old Boy's Association, the scholars of this school participated in the Sports held at Happy Valley in Easter Field. So numerous were the entries for the two open races that they had to be run off in heats, resulting in wins by—Miss Leonora Collico and Miss Bianca Perpetua.

The honour of having their names inscribed on the Legend Shield belongs this year to Miss Florentina Nunes, and Miss Violet Tass. It will be remembered that the Shield was presented by Lady Legard for the girls who set the best example in the school during the year for character and moral worth. To perpetuate Lady Legard's practice prizes have been awarded these two girls by the School of two medals which year Ladyship will be asked to present this afternoon.

The Legard Scholars founded in 1910 by the late Sir Horatio Mody, under certain specific conditions were won last year by Miss Helen Clarke, and Miss Marceles Florentina Nunes.

Dr. F. M. Gracia Ovario has very generously donated a scholarship in commemoration of his late brother, Mr. Francisco de Gracia Ovario. Dr. Francisco Ovario's commendable purpose is to assist the successful scholar to pursue her course of studies to a successful end. His scholarship has been so designed, and has been won by Miss Dorothy Ezzaret.

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WAR TELEGRAMS

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THE RECRUITING BOOM.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULT DEFERRED.

December 20, 5.50 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith said that in consequence of the complexity of the task and the enormous difficulty of classifying and tabulating the figures of Lord Derby's recruiting campaign, the Cabinet was unanimously of opinion that there should be no considered statement to-morrow. The Premier hoped, however, to make the statement before the adjournment. It is understood that the recruiting authorities will submit the general result to-day.

LIFE OF PARLIAMENT.

A COMPROMISE AGREED TO.

December 20, 5.50 p.m.
Mr. Asquith announced in the House of Commons that, owing to the strong views in different parts of the House on the prolongation of the life of Parliament, he suggested a compromise of eight months instead of a year. The compromise was adopted by 158 to 23 votes.

THE MESOPOTAMIA CAMPAIGN.

TURKS' HEAVY LOSSES.

December 21, 10.15 p.m.
The Press Bureau states that General Townshend estimates that the Turks lost two thousand five hundred during the rear-guard action on the 1st inst., and in their abortive attack on Kut-el-Amara on the night of the 12th-13th. Mixed parties of British and Indian troops on the night of December 17 and 18 surprised the Turks in their advanced trenches, killing thirty and taking eleven prisoners. The 18th and 19th passed quietly.

VISCOUNT FRENCH FETED ON LEAVING PARIS.

DECORATED BY GENERAL JOFFRE.

December 21, 12.50 a.m.
A message from Reuter's correspondent in Paris states that Field Marshal Viscount French had a farewell to President Poincaré at the Elysée in the afternoon, being ovated by a huge crowd shouting "Vive French," "Vive Anglaise," "Vive l'Boi." Generalissimo Joffre in the morning bestowed the "Croix Guerre" on Field Marshal French.

THE GERMAN BUDGET.

NEW TAXES NEEDED.

December 21, 1.00 a.m.
An Amsterdam message states that in the Reichstag, Dr. Helfferich, Secretary to the Imperial Treasury, claimed that the Budget for 1915-16 would show no deficit or only a small one. He admitted that the Budget for 1914-15 would not balance without new taxes, but said he was confident that German patriotism would pay the taxes as readily as it had subscribed to the loans.

THE RUSSIANS.

GENERAL RUSSKY RETIRES.

December 21, 2.35 a.m.
A message from Reuter's correspondent in Petrograd states that General Russky, the commander-in-chief of the Russian northern armies, has been relieved of his functions. General Russky's withdrawal is due to his health. The Tsar has issued a rescript in which he warmly thanks General Russky for his brilliant services in defending Petrograd.

HIGH TREASON PRISONERS.

DE WET AND OTHERS RELEASED.

December 21, 6.49 a.m.
A telegram from Reuter's correspondent at Johannesburg states that ex-General De Wet and one hundred and eighteen other high treason prisoners have been released. De Wet, on being interviewed, emphasised the necessity for Anglo-Dutch amity and said that the discord of past misunderstanding should cease.

ITALIAN CONVENT SCHOOL.

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An order by the Governor-in-Council was passed on the 19th August last requiring that a medical examination of every boarding school be conducted every six months by a registered medical practitioner on the general health of the boarders and on the sanitary condition of the school buildings as a whole and of the dormitories in particular. Such an inspection was carried out on the 15th December by Dr. O. Marriott, of the firm of Drs. Harrigan, Steadman and Harston. The number of "resident scholars" coming under the notice of the medical examiner on that occasion was: 75 First class boarders, 65 Eurasian orphans, 231 Chinese orphans,

making a grand total of 371. The following extract is taken verbatim from Dr. Marriott's report:—"Any cases of illness occurring in this school are either treated under my care in the Infirmary in the building, or if of long duration or in such condition that their health might be a source of danger to others, they are transferred to the hospital at Wanchay for treatment, and in my opinion this well-arranged system accounts for the small amount of sickness among the scholars. I also inspected the dormitories and recreation rooms, school rooms, lavatories and bath rooms, found all well kept, well ventilated, perfectly clean and sanitary and in every way satisfactory."

While on the subject of health and sanitation, I may be permitted to state that Dr. V. M. Koch, of the Government Civil Hospital, has very kindly consented to give at the Convent a course of lectures

on "First Aid" to the sick and injured and a few of the teachers who can be expected to attend them. Arrangements will be made that the lectures be held under the auspices of the St. John's Ambulance Association, and that the usual examination be held at the end of the course, for the certificate. At the suggestion of the Hon. Lecturer there will be two classes; girls over sixteen will attend one class, and there will be another course for those under 16, which course has to be rather more elementary. It is proposed that the Christmas vacation. The value and utility of "First Aid" have been so simply demonstrated that it is hoped many scholars will avail themselves of the kindness of Dr. Koch and attend the lectures in large number.

In concluding this report I am charged with the agreeable duty to thank our friends and patrons for their generous donations towards the Prize Fund, in particular His Lordship D. Peckham, Lady Chester, Mr. Ho Wing, Mr. Sin Tak Fan, Dr. F. M. Grace Osozio, Mr. P. N. Kwok, Mr. Chao Po Sien and Mr. A. Abdoolcader.

The Prizes.

Lady May then presented the prizes, the full list being as follows:—

Largard Shield—1914, Florentina Nunes; 1915, Violet Tan. Senior Class—Un Pak Sun, University Pass, with honours and distinction in English. Junior Class—Muriel Braga, Nydia Barreto and Mary Walter, University pass with distinction in religious knowledge; Helen Clark, University pass with distinction in needlework; May Higgins, prize for English language and literature; Maria de Rosa, prize for conduct and needlework.

Pratimaria Class—Florentina Nunes and Lindamaria Nunes for general proficiency; Christina Osozio for conduct and application; Eva Chu for conduct and needlework.

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Class 5—Adela del Campo, Maria Remedios and Teresa Gill for general proficiency; Daisy Tam for composition and hygiene; Leuzinha de Jesus for religious knowledge and hygiene; Bertha Carvalho for application and reading; Sophia Nemaze for religious knowledge and reading; Thiry Lopes for conduct and politeness; Maria Joon and Maria Tejico for conduct and politeness; Sophia Anderson for conduct and application; Martha Cruz for Needlework.

Class 6—Purita Campos and Agnes Fung for general proficiency; Juanita Gonzales for composition and geography; David Wan for arithmetic and geography; Ivy Liu for arithmetic and grammar; Annie Pereira for needlework and drawing; Margaret Holden for dictation and geography; Alicia Carvalho for conduct and dictation; Conchita Joon for religious knowledge and grammar; Antonia Taulo for reading and arithmetic; Candida Taulo for recitation; Maria Baptista for embroidery; Alice Low and Laura Santos for needlework.

Class 7—Gloria Campos, Genevieve McGuire, Lily Mc Guire and Stella Rocha for general proficiency; Agnes Gill for religious knowledge and arithmetic; James Braga for composition and geography; Carmine Silva for dictation and drawing; Beatrice Johnson for religious knowledge and grammar; Jessie Kowall for application and reading; Alice Solomon for application and reading; Pacita Montalto for conduct and politeness.

Special Class 7.—Daisy Li, Flora Mok and Ruby Lo for general proficiency.

Class 8.—Corazon Mapa, Amy Watt and Marcel Martin for general proficiency; Daisy Harley for religious knowledge and geography; Helena Akana for religious knowledge and recitation; Conchita Carreira and Tony Braga for religious knowledge and object lesson; Annie Solomon for application and geography; Milits Remedios for application and arithmetic.

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Class 10 (ii)—Dorothy Ray, Alice de Rosa, Louis Tam, Lourdes Campos, Edward Olase, Robert Watt, Albert Ward, Alberto Baptista, Nelly Kew, and Alberto Baptista for conduct and application.

Special Prizes.

Drawing—Adela del Campo, Lily da Silva, Ivy Low and Gloria Campo.

French—Bertha Carvalho. Music—For piano, Maria Joon, Conchita Joon, Maria Tejico, Esther Carvalho, Emilia Figueiredo, Lily McGuire, Gloria Felices, Isabel del Campo, Purita Campos, Antonia Campos, Teresa Young. For Violin—Assunção Sian.

Shorthand—Maud Braga (or age 4); Dorothy Rosavet and France Sayos Pitman's theory certificate.

Typewriting—Isabel del Campo, Thiry Lopes and Eileen O'Sullivan.

Eurasian Orphan Girls—Otilia Ricci and Marianne Pompei for needle work; Luisa Durao and Eugene Ricci for embroidery.

Chinese Orphan Girls—Quai Mai for needlework; Tam Ha Ho and Li Ha Ho for embroidery; Ochoon Anna for laundry.

Special Prize for Religious Knowledge—Carrie Tennyson. The proceedings terminated with a closing address by Miss J. Harris-Walker and the singing of the National Anthem.

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During the year ended on June
30, 1915, 417 lives were saved by
means of the rocket life-saving
apparatus, which is 322 more
than the number saved by the
same means during the previous
years, and 245 more than the
average for the previous 10 years.

A Dangerous Business.

Raising a vessel submerged in
tropical waters is dangerous busi-
ness, according to an account in
Shipping Illustrated of the salvage
of a gunboat that had been sunk
in the harbour of Progress, Yucatan.
The sailors were in constant
danger owing to the attacks of
"voracious fishes, some of which
are more ferocious than sharks,
and far more determined in their
methods of attacking human
prey." A photograph of one of
these strange fishes, unnamed, is
published in attestation of the
statement.

Japanese Charters.

The following vessels have been
chartered recently one of them
bringing Y.F. a ton a month,
which is a record in the shipping
history of Japan—The Akashi,
2,100 tons, Y.8,500; the Yamato
3,800 tons, Y.8,500; the Asaka,
2,600 tons, Y.1 year, Y.5,000;
the Maury, 4,300 tons,
Y.1 year, Y.21,000; the Kagoshima,
5,500 tons, Y.1 year, Y.20,000; the
Nankai, 8,000 tons, 6 months,
Y.58,000. The Nankai Maru was
chartered by Maeda and Co., for
Y.7 a month per ton on the condi-
tion that the vessel would not be
sent to Europe.

The Calchas.

The Calchas, a Calchas,
which went ashore on Wilson
Point rock, near Seattle, while
bound from Vancouver with a
cargo of tinne salmon on October
9, was refloated on October 15
with the assistance of five tugs
after 30,000 cases of fish had been
discharged into the water and the
hole in her forehold patched up
by divers. After temporary re-
pairs had been executed, the
vessel was towed to Seattle, and
docked where the salmon dis-
charged, together with 30,000
cases remaining in the flooded
hold was reconditioned.

Lloyd's Register.

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of Lloyd's Register are recognised
by the authorities of the following
countries as exempting vessels
from undergoing certain inspec-
tions at the hands of the officials
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Sweden, and United States of
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glad to know that the owners of
vessels belonging or trading to
these countries are saved much
inconvenience and delay by this
official recognition being so ex-
tended to the Society's classifica-
tion and surveys.

Panama Canal.

Washington, Nov. 6.—The
slide at Gaillard cut on the
Panama Canal is costing the
Government many thousands of
dollars a day in loss of tolls. A
serious deficit has already appear-
ed, which must be taken care of
by Congress in the appropriations
during the coming session. For
four months the canal had been
making money, the excess of tolls
over expenditures at the end of
July being \$117,570. In August
came the slide and in a fortnight
a deficit had been made. The net
earnings of the canal this year
were at that time cut down to \$54,
392. This balance has been wiped
out, as the dredging this year in
Gaillard cut has cost \$257,593.
Just what repairing the damage
done by the present slide will cost
cannot be estimated now, but it
is likely that it will run up to
over a half a million dollars.

A Kansas Tornado.

Great Bend, Kansas, November
10.—Between fifty and sixty per-
sons are believed to have been
killed in a tornado which swept
this town this evening wrecking
the water works and electric light
plant. The town is in darkness.
According to reports, the Atchison,
Topeka and Santa Fe Railway
station was demolished and half
the houses of the city were wreck-
ed. Three large flour mills and
several grain elevators were in
the path of the storm.

Many buildings were swept
into a heap of debris, according
to a Western Union telegraph re-
port.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1915

TELEGRAMS

INDIAN INDENTURED LABOUR.

The Question of Its Abolition.

London, December 21. In the House of Commons, Sir J. D. Ross asked whether the Raj had recommended the abolition of the indentured labour system. Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for India, said he had recently received a communication from the Raj dealing with the objections to, and disadvantages of, the present system under which labour went from India to the colonies, and suggesting a possible solution of these difficulties. The question, however, was still in its preliminary stage and required further consultation with the Raj as well as other authorities interested, and he (Mr. Chamberlain) would therefore not be able to make a definite statement for some time.

MESSES. DONNELLY AND WHYTE.

No list of firms whose energies have been directed to the public place would be complete if the name of Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte were omitted. Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte, as is generally known, are agents for all best distillers, vintners and beer bottlers, and this year their stock is especially large and diverse.

In wines they are offering Ayala and Louis Roederer champagnes, some good brands of old brandy and their special line of Newfound land port, while among the whiskies they recommend are the No. 10 and Teacher's Highland Cream.

Special mention may well be made of Peter Walker's beer, for which Messrs. Donnelly are also agents. Even before the inhabitants of Hongkong made it quite clear that they had no desire to have German beer placed before them, Walker's beer had attained a very marked popularity in the Colony. It has a cleaner taste than the German beer, and more "zip" in it. At home, and more especially in the north of England where beer is tolerably good judges of beer, Walker's beer and light or strong ales have been growing more and more popular for years past. In the Far East one's liver has too much to say on the subject to encourage the bottlers to send out the strong beer dear to the Home palate; Hongkong appetites call for a light, clean, sparkling beer, and this no one knows better how to provide than does the firm of Peter Walker.

A word might be added about Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte's famous "Christmas Boxes"—mixed cases of wines and spirits at respectively \$17, \$20 and \$25 per case. These combine quality with variety—to say nothing of good value for money, and our advice to our readers is "Try one."

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral.—6.45 a.m. The Holy Communion. 7.45 a.m. The Holy Communion. Choral. 9.15 a.m. Military Service conducted by the Chaplain to the Forces. 11 a.m. Matins. Preacher: Rev. H. Gopley. Mayie; Collection for the Diocesan Girls' School. 12 noon. The Holy Communion. At the Peak Church 8 a.m. The Holy Communion. Service will be sung during the Sunday evening December 23rd, beginning at 7.15 p.m.

DEATH OF SIR THOMAS JACKSON.

As we go to press, news arrives of the death of Sir Thomas Jackson, formerly Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which occurred suddenly in London yesterday.

Sir Thomas, who was knighted in 1899, was born in Ireland on June 4, 1841. He began his training in banking in the Bank of Ireland at Belfast in 1860 and, four years later, went to India, where he joined the Agra Bank. In 1868 he entered the service of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and, five years later, married Miss Amelia Lydia Dore.

His eldest son, Lieut.-Col. Thomas Dore Jackson, D.S.O., M.V.O., is at the front.

Sir Thomas first came to the bank at Hongkong in 1866 and was appointed to the position of General Manager here in 1876, holding this appointment until 1889. At this time he went to London as the Senior Manager, but in 1890 he again came to Hongkong as the General Manager, remaining in the Colony until the following year. Proceeding Home again he was Senior Manager in London from 1891 to 1893, returning to the Colony at the expiration of that time. He finally left Hongkong in 1902, since when he has been the Chairman of the bank's London Committee. In recognition of his great services to the bank, the shareholders erected the striking monument which is to be seen at the rear of the premises in Hongkong to-day. He was for many years a member of the Legislative Council at Hongkong, and was prominently identified with many works of public improvement.

THE SUMMARY COURT.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz, at the Summary Court this morning, a Chinese boarding-house keeper, named Ching Ming-yue, of 73, Connaught Road Central, and Li Lai-long, also a boarding-house keeper, of 130, Connaught Road Central, for the sum of \$510.80, being the balance of principal and interest on a promissory note given to plaintiff by defendant on January 23, 1911. Judgment was entered for the plaintiff.

Mr. Justice Gompertz also had before him this morning a case in which Yin Ying, of 21, Sam To Lane, a trader, sued Sin Wan-po, 19, East Street; Au Woon, 22, West Street; Li Ki-g, 161, Sai-yung Road; and Wong Hoi-long 78, Holywood Road, partners of the late Sai Cheong Loan firm, for the sum of \$670.00 for money lent to the firm. It was stated in evidence that plaintiff had held a one-fifth share in the concern, and judgment for four-fifths of the money claimed against the defendants was entered.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

At an examination in first aid, recently held at the Technical Institute, out of 23 students examined the following were successful in qualifying for the "Junior" Certificate:—Wong Cheong-tsun, Ng Wing-yen, Lok Lau-yin, Pan Ping-chung, Tan Ching, Chan Yau-in, Chan Siu-ping, Kwai Chik-in and Ching Hang-kwan.

Dr. R. F. Lee was the Hon. Lecturer and Dr. Mc. Lean Gibson acted as Hon. Examiner.

A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR.

Extracts from the war news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of December 22, 1914.

Tribute to Our Soldiers. Lady Jellicoe has opened the Union Jack Club, for wives of soldiers and sailors. She read a letter from Admiral Sir John Jellicoe praising the bravery of the men. He says he is proud every day to command men of such splendid calibre; their discipline is perfect, and they are patiently waiting and watching.

German Bombard Hospital. There was nothing of importance yesterday in Belgium, unless it be some progress made in the region of Lombardye, St. Georges and south westward of Kortrijk; also the occupation of some houses at Zwartewind, southward of Lille, and the bombardment by the enemy of a Hospital at Ypres.

Italy Demands Explanation of Turkey.

It is stated from Petrograd that, according to the *Bourse Gazette*, the Italian Ambassador at Constantinople has demanded from the Porte an explanation of the movement of 4,000 Arabs, under Turkish and German officers, against Tripoli; and has threatened a rupture of relations, failing a satisfactory answer.

Anti-Hun Meeting in Italy.

Five hundred meetings were held throughout Italy yesterday in commemoration of Oberdan, who was hanged in December 1882, for conspiracy against the life of the Emperor Francis Joseph. The police had a hard task restraining and, in some places, suppressing demonstrations, which were everywhere of an Anti-Austrian character. A meeting at home was addressed by Deputy Colajanni, who attacked Austria and Germany for the crimes against civilisation, and by Ricciotti Garibaldi, who urged the formation of a committee to enrol volunteers for the Italo-Romanian League formed at home to strengthen the bonds uniting the two countries.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V. D., state:—

Leave. Pte. K. Brayley is granted leave of absence from 22.12.15 to 3.1.16.

Parades. Parades for Thursday, 23rd instant, 7.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers, as detailed in Signalling Section order dated 8.12.15—Morse flag and Morse lamp practice at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of Engineer Co.—Musket and Rifle exercises at Tai-koo Dockyard under Serg. Everett.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of Right Section M.G. Co.—Squad drill and Musket exercises at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units except Right Section M.G. Co. and Signalling Section, Squad drill and Musket exercises at Headquarters under Serg. Major Higby. Remainder nil.

Gun Club Hill, Kowloon.—On duty until morning of 28th inst. H.K.V.R.

P. of W. Camp, Kowloon.—On duty until morning of 28th inst. H.K.V.R.

KWO-COTTON S. & W. COMPANY.

Annual Meeting.

The twentieth ordinary meeting of shareholders in the Kwo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., was held on December 16 at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Shanghai. Mr. J. Johnston who presided said:—

The profit for the year was Tls. 530,263.14, which you will doubtless consider highly satisfactory, although it falls short of our record twelve months—1912/13—when we earned Tls. 552,278.93 and paid a dividend of Tls. 15 on the ordinary shares. It is now proposed to pay a dividend of Tls. 15 on the ordinary shares, a record in the company's history, and I venture to hope that this return will have the approval of shareholders.

From the report it will be seen that it is proposed to write off plant and machinery Tls. 70,000 and Buildings Tls. 20,000; these amounts exceed last year's appropriations by Tls. 5,000 and Tls. 2,008 respectively and are necessitated by the additions during the year.

In recognition of the services rendered to the company by the European and Chinese staffs at the mills, the Consulting Committee have appropriated the sum of Tls. 10,500 for the payment of a bonus to our employees at the discretion of the general managers, which I trust will meet with your approval.

We now come to the allocation of Tls. 150,000 to Reserve Fund. Subject to your confirmation of the appropriation to Reserve, that Fund will stand at Tls. 350,000, in addition to which we have Tls. 500,000 at credit of Equalisation of Dividend Account, and I think you will admit that with Reserves amounting to Tls. 850,000 we can look to the future with equanimity.

From the accounts you will observe that during the year considerable additions have been made to our buildings and plant and machinery, and I am of opinion that our energies in the matter of extensions are in the right direction.

During the first ten months of our financial year we experienced a satisfactory demand for all our products, but I regret to say that since the end of August, trade generally in yarn and cloth has left a great deal to be desired, and at the moment the future outlook is causing your general managers grave concern, so much so that it may be found necessary to resort to short time before many weeks elapse. Not since the Revolution in 1911 have we been faced with the necessity of selling yarn below the cost of production in order to keep stocks at a reasonable level, but this is the position to-day, and if there is no improvement in a short while, I fail to see how we can do otherwise than minimise our loss by curtailing production.

I am inclined to the opinion that the present unfortunate state of affairs has been mainly brought about by the Monarchical movement, which is undoubtedly causing native bankers and traders great uneasiness, and until a settlement is arrived at, we cannot look for any decided improvement in trade.

The great scarcity of dyes and the consequent extreme cost of coloured goods is also restricting consumption of yarn and cloth to some extent, and I fear that no great relief can be expected in this direction until peace is arranged in Europe, or the Chinese are able to produce abundant supplies of vegetable dyes, which, given time they will be able to do.

Last autumn's China cotton crop was an average one, but this year the growth in the

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Hon. Mr. Holtz's Questions Concerning German Prisoners.

According to the agenda for to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, there are no fewer than seven questions to be asked by Unofficial members.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock has six queries concerning the constitution of the Executive and Legislative Councils (which appeared in detail in last Thursday's *Telegraph*) and the Hon. Mr. Holtz is to put the following question concerning the removal of interned alien enemies from Hongkong:—

"With reference to a *Reuter's* telegram published in the *Daily Press* of the 16th December in which it is stated that 'In the House of Commons Mr. Buxton said the question of the desirability of removing alien enemies interned in Hongkong was being considered most carefully, and the Secretary of State was corresponding telegraphically with the Government for the information of the Colony, lay upon the table of this Council the telegrams and despatches which have passed to and fro between the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies and this Government, or His Excellency the Governor, upon this subject?'—

In addition to the above, the following matters will be dealt with:—

Evacuation by the Hon. Colonial Secretary: "It is hereby resolved that the percentages on the valuations of the tenements in the undermentioned places be altered as follows with effect from the 1st of January, 1916:—

Tai-ko-tum, from 11½ per cent. to 13½ per cent.; Hok On and Kowloon City Road from the Hong Kong Police Station to the north as far as and including Kowloon Island Lot 1150 and Kowloon Marine Lot 67, from 11½ per cent. to 13½ per cent.

Orders of the day.—Second reading of the Bill introduced an Ordinance to amend further the Tramway Ordinance, 1902.

Second reading of the Bill introduced an Ordinance to amend the Societies Ordinance, 1911.

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districts surrounding Shanghai was a partial failure and indications point to the local mills having to import large quantities of foreign cotton during the next few months. Owing to a small crop in America, cotton prices the world over are very high, but I do not think we can reasonably anticipate any relief in the cost of our raw material in the near future.

As regards taxation of local mill products, I am sorry to say there is no improvement and I fear that, until the Customs Import Tariff is revised, many of the goods we now manufacture will be taxed at a higher rate than similar articles from foreign countries. In this connection, I should like to call your attention to a recent regulation of the Chinese Customs by which cotton wastes produced by local mills are called upon to pay 5 per cent export duty and 2½ per cent import duty at any port of destination in China—all 7½ per cent—whereas imports from foreign countries obtained entry into China on payment of only 5 per cent duty.

YACHTING.

Hongkong Corinthian Yacht Club.

The results of races held on Sunday last (second race for Club Championships) are given below. Course:—Lyemooon Beacon (P.), N. Fairway Booy (S.). Distance, 1½ miles.

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MILK DEALER PROSECUTED.

Bench Dissatisfied with Sampling Methods.

An interesting case which came before Mr. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, was one in which the Ahwah Dairy, of Kowloon, was charged with selling milk not of the nature and substance demanded by the purchaser. There were two charges, one being in respect of November 23 and the other in respect of November 24.

The prosecution, which was conducted by Dr. W. W. Pearce, the Medical Officer of Health, stated that samples of milk were purchased at the Dairy, the one on November 23 being found to contain 6.4 grains of boracic acid to the gallon, and the other containing 4.3 grains to the gallon.

Mr. P. W. Goldring, who appeared for the defence, submitted that, assuming that the acid was added, it did not constitute an offence against the statute, inasmuch as it was not to the detriment of the purchaser. The use of boracic acid in milk was only as a preservative, and therefore could not be to the detriment of the purchaser. As to its being a foreign matter, he said it was found in all milk.

Mr. E. B. Dorey, Assistant Government Analyst, who analysed the milk, said that the lactose found in the milk was foreign to the reason of the quantity found.

Questioned by Mr. Goldring, witness said that it was possible for boracic acid to be found in all milk, but not in the quantity found in this case. The acid was only to be found by the use of a modern and very scientific process.

At the close of the evidence, Mr. Wood stated that he had been in business since 1902, and he had never used any kind of preservative in his milk, nor had he authorised any of his agents to use it.

Mr. Dorey, recalled, said that it was possible that it was less than 70 grains per gallon, preservative milk and that was to be found in the present case. He did not consider that such a small amount as was found was injurious to health.

Mr. Goldring went on to submit that it was possible that old medicine bottles which were used to take the sample were not properly cleaned, and that the acid might have been left in the container. He submitted, any case, that the acid found was not to the detriment of the purchaser and that under the statute no offence had been committed. Dr. Pearce having replied, the points raised, Mr. Wood said that he was not satisfied with any way in which the sample was taken, and he would have to dismiss the case.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

MIXED FOURSOMES COMPETITION MONDAY DECEMBER 27th.

In connection with the above competition, a special train will be added to the 11.25 train, which leaves Kowloon on December 27th at 11.00 a.m. (last ferry 10.35 a.m.) and is timed to reach Sham Shui Po at 11.45 a.m. There will be accommodation for 50 passengers only.

Acting Hon. Secy.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1915.

THE SHANGHAI ARMS CASE

TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND GERMAN RIFLES.

Assessed before the Court.

At the Shanghai Mixed Court, on December 16, Yan Ching-foo, Tsang Yung-tung, Chan Ah-chau, Bao Ling-yi and Tsang Tsung-ling were charged with having, on December 2, attempted to sell firearms in the Settlement, without having obtained a license from the Municipal Council to do so, contrary to bylaw 34, and further with conspiring to keep certain military arms, to wit, rifles, without official permission, contrary to section 264 of the Chinese Criminal Code.

Mr. E. E. Newman appeared for the prosecution, Mr. G. D. Mason watched the case on behalf of the Chinese Government and Mr. H. D. Hodger defended one of the accused.

Mr. Newman said that the case was one of the most difficult that he had ever known. The first two were carrying on negotiations quite apart from the other three but they ultimately met together and treated with the police agent who eventually effected their arrest. The evidence which he would put before the Court was very short. An interpreter of the Central Police Station would explain that in consequence of certain information received he met four of the defendants. They were arrested in a tea shop and the fifth was apprehended in the mouth of an alleyway. The interpreter had negotiations with two of the men and they brought along the other two. They were taken to the Police Station and there they made statements which showed that a man named Tsao Ling-yi was the person closely connected and he was subsequently arrested. Detective Colliery would state that on Tsao were found the following two documents:—

Shanghai, September 7.
To whom it may concern, this is to state that I have asked Choo Ling-chi to get this sample of Browning pistol for me.

Signed, T. H. Morrison,
British American Tobacco Co.

The other one read:—
I have received from Choo Ling-chi one Browning pistol, Belgian make, as a sample.

T. H. Morrison.

Tsao (Choo) made a full statement as to his dealings with Mr. Morrison and had signed his statement. In it he also gave the names of two other foreigners with whom he had dealings in arms. These principals were Germans, one being called "Young Schratter" of Schratter and Co., 51B, Kiangse Road, and the other Loescher, who he, Mr. Newman, thought was connected with the firm of Schratter and Co. Apparently none of their deals came off. They had very nearly brought them to a successful conclusion, but they were still open to treat with the police interpreter.

Detective Sub-inspector Brewster would give evidence of searching Tsao's residence and finding a card of Loescher's which bore the following written on it:—"Call at once at my office as I have news for you." Loescher was a German subject and Schratter was an Austrian. Before the first prisoner was arrested he wrote out a list of the arms he was prepared to sell the interpreter; they were:—21,000 German rifles, 1883 pattern, and 500 rounds of ammunition each, £12.62 each; 1,800 Browning pistols with magazines to carry seven cartridges, and one hundred rounds of ammunition, \$62 each; 2,100 Browning pistols with magazines

capable of holding nine cartridges, and one hundred rounds of ammunition each, \$47 each; 800 second-hand Moser pistols with 180 rounds each, \$69 each; lots of 400 and 500 Brownings at various prices and 15,800 Hanyang rifles almost new, with 500 rounds of ammunition each, £15.50 each. Mr. Morrison would be called as a witness and would probably want to make an explanation to the Court.

Thomas Francis Morrison, clerk in the British American Tobacco Co., said that he knew Tsao had known him for ten years and had had business dealings with him. He recognized the two papers produced by Mr. Newman. They referred to transactions in firearms. Tsao was to bring the firearms to the witness to whom he was to sell them.

Mr. Newman:—Are you now prepared to say where the arms came from?—No because they are not mine. I simply was acting as agent for someone else.

Do you think you were employed as agent for someone else, or have you been hoodwinked into being a sub-agent for someone?—I think I was a sub-agent; I was hoodwinked.

Are you prepared to say or not that the supposed principal was a Chinese?—The principal was not a Chinese.

Was £15.50 a fair price for the rifles?—I could not say.

If there is nothing wrong in the transaction then there is no reason why you should not disclose the name of the principal?—I would not like to disclose his name, until I ask him, as I would not like to get him into trouble.

Mr. Newman:—Do you claim the privilege of a witness? You must answer the questions unless they are such as the Court may deem likely to disclose your guilt as having done something wrong. Do you claim that privilege?—I am not afraid to incriminate myself. The Assessor:—Then you must answer the question. This is a Chinese Court and you are a foreign witness. We cannot take proceedings against you but we can ask a sister Court to examine you upon oath and they can force you to do so.

Witness:—My principal is J. C. Lewis.

On the following day, Mr. Newman informed the Court that, as a result of the previous day's hearing, another witness would have to appear before the Court on subpoena. Subject to that he had closed his case.

The cases of the first three defendants were then dealt with.

In answer to Mr. Newman the defendant said he had been employed by the B.A.T. Co. some four years ago for about a year, after which he went to the Union Commercial Company. Asked why he wanted to get Zee introduced to foreign firms, the defendant said that the reason was because the Chinese had no arms and foreigners had. They must be kept by big firms.

Mr. Newman:—Which particular foreign firms?—Like Jardine, Matheson & Co. and Siemens.

Why did you mention Siemens?—Who told you about it?—I thought about it.

Mr. Newman said that the three men before the Court had different degrees of guilt. It was well-known to the Court that there had recently been disturbances in Shanghai, that there had been very considerable dealings in arms throughout the Settlement between foreigners and Chinese, and Chinese and Chinese, and that it was the endeavour of the Police to stamp out these dealings as being in their opinion, and in that of every thinking man, bound to lead to sedition and disturbances against the peace and good order of the Settlement and China. In order to affect these large transactions in arms it had been necessary, owing to a secrecy that must be employed, to use a large number of

THE PACIFIC MAIL.

Will the Standard Oil Co. Finance it?

A Washington wire, dated December 15, which appears in the *Kansas Bulletin*, has the following:—

The return of the Pacific Mail flag to the Pacific ocean is suggested by the announcement from New York that a new corporation, financed by the Rockefeller Standard Oil interests, has purchased the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and that the trans-Pacific service of the company will in all probability be resumed in the near future on a larger scale than before the company withdrew from the Oriental trade, ostensibly because of the passage of the Seamen's bill.

Messrs. W. R. Grace and Co. of New York City have been appointed representatives of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company under the new owners. This firm owns a fleet of five large new steamers operated under its own name, and is also owner of the Atlantic and Pacific Steamship Company which operates two new steamers.

The above steamers, added to the Pacific Mail fleet not already sold to the Atlantic transport line, will make a fleet of about twenty vessels available for the trans-Pacific trade, though it is certain that only a portion of these will be so utilized.

The vessels now under control of Messrs. W. R. Grace and Co. are:

Owned by Grace and Company:

Name	Built	Gross Tons
Chincha	1912	6,395
Santa Catalina	1913	6,310
Santa Clara	1913	6,310
Cecilia	1910	6,202
Colosa	1913	5,732

Atlantic and Pacific Steamship Company.

Santa Cecilia	1913	6,310
Santa Cruz	1913	5,081

Pacific Mail Steamship Company

City of Paris	1878	3,532
Peru	1892	3,528
Aztec	1894	3,508
Pennsylvania	1872	3,543
City of Sydney	1875	3,017
Newport	1880	2,735
Acapulco	1873	2,572
Barracoota	1883	2,152
San Jose	1882	2,081
San Juan	1882	2,076
Costa Rica	1891	1,783
Isabel	1897	203
Arabe	1884	155

It is understood that additional steamers are to be purchased or built and that the new owners intend to place their trans-Pacific fleet on a basis which will ensure the advancement of American trade in the Orient.

agents. This fact the three accused now before the Court had not been slow to take advantage of for it offered to them a somewhat risky but remunerative form of living without very much labour.

The principals, by these large number of agents, were able to cover themselves and to cover up their tracks and it was only by dealing with these agents, when they were before brought the Court that the system, which was unfortunately springing up in the Settlement, could be stamped out.

Mr. Grant Jones said that he agreed with the prosecution that the stories told by the defendants were incredible. The defendants knew well the state of affairs in the country and of those outside the country. They had taken their chance and had seen the possibility of making their profit. He found them guilty, but deferred sentence.

ALLEGED BANGLE-SNATCHING.

A Chinese, charged with snatching bangles, was brought before Mr. J. B. Wood at the Police Court this morning, when it was stated by the complainant, a woman, that she was carrying her two-year-old child, which was asleep on her back, and when she was in Sai Street, she suddenly felt a pull, and looking round, caught the defendant in the act of stealing two bangles which were on the child's hand. She seized hold of him and succeeded in keeping him until the police arrived. One of the bangles was recovered, but the other was thrown away and apparently stolen by a confederate. The bangles were worth \$5.50. The case was adjourned to allow the defendant to call a witness.

THE LATE SIR CHARLES TUPPER.

Impressive Funeral at Halifax.

Halifax, Nov. 18.—The body of Sir Charles Tupper, formerly Prime Minister of Canada, and the last link with pre-confederation times, with all the impressiveness of a state funeral was laid to rest in the quiet cemetery of St. John's to-day, after the remains had been carried through the streets of Halifax from St. Paul's Anglican Church, where a solemn service was held.

The period of lying in state ended this morning, and during the twelve hours that the body was on view it is estimated that more than ten thousand persons passed it to look for the last time at the peaceful features of the aged statesman, lying in the plain oak casket, shrouded in the Union Jack.

The procession which followed the body to the grave in St. John's cemetery, where Sir Charles was buried near Lady Tupper, emphasized the fruition that his efforts as a public man have brought. Thus, the imperial aspect of his work was testified to by the presence of Lord Richard Neville, the representative of the Duke of Connaught, the Governor-General; the last Dominion that has sprung from Confederation, by the prime minister, members of the House of Commons, and those here on behalf of the various provinces, and the railways that owed so much to his vision and determined advocacy in Parliament were represented by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway; Sir William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern, and Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the Dominion Railway Commission.

The more personal element in the concourse of mourners was provided by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and Sir Charles Tupper, the latter the statesman's heir. The procession, which was two miles long, contained several naval and military contingents.

The service in St. Paul's Church was intensely moving. The music included Chopin's "Marche Funèbre" and the favourite hymns of Sir Charles: "Peace, Perfect Peace" and "Now the Labourer's Task is O'er."

Optum in Canton.
Says the *Weekly Canton News* Letter:—

In Canton opium may be bought in retail, as long as one has 45 cents, as there are shops on every street selling "medical paste," a new name for the deadly drug. The Hunan authorities have submitted a report to the Government on the progress of the opium suppression during the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth months. In the seventh month 3,236 criminals for dealing in or smoking opium; in the eighth month the number was 2,875; in the ninth 2,489; and in the tenth month 1,981.

THE SILVER MARKET.

Messrs. Montagu's Report.

Concerning silver, Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co. write on November 18 as follows:—

The market for silver continued to develop, and prices during the last few days have advanced with easy confidence. Attention has been drawn in several preceding letters to the excellence of the undertone. Home and foreign coinage orders have readily absorbed not only arrivals, but also a portion of the stock held on account of China.

Only a little additional competition was needed to give an impetus sufficient to cause the level of the price to rise perceptibly. This competition was provided by an inquiry from the Indian Bazaar, which set in with some activity when the news reached India that the London Stock had been reduced to about £75,000.

The same announcement provoked some orders to replenish the recently depleted holdings on account of China. As a consequence, the market found itself in an exceptional position of receiving buying orders from four distinct quarters at once. The quotation reached to-day—24 13/16d—is the highest touched since September 12, when 25d. was bid.

President Carranza has been exerting pressure upon the Banks in Mexico, in order that they should comply with the provisions of the Banking Law, which ordains that 50 per cent. of their Note Issues should be covered by a reserve in specie. The banks declare that an enforcement of compliance would force the majority of them into liquidation. In the circumstances, the demand may be waived for a time, but if received wholly or partially, the effect would be to lessen that export of silver which a restoration of tranquillity in Mexico might otherwise have been expected to ensure.

An Indian currency return for November 15 gave details as follows, in lakhs of rupees:—

Notes in circulation	61.91
Reserve in silver coin	34.72
Gold coin and bullion	7.04
Gold in England	6.15

The stock in Bombay consists of 8,000 bars as compared with 8,300 last week. No shipment has been made from San Francisco to Hongkong during the week.

Messrs. Mocatta and Goldsmid, in their summary of the silver market on the same date, advise:—

The good undertone of the silver market mentioned in our last circular has developed during the past week into decided firmness and the price has advanced rather rapidly from 24 7/16 to 24 13/16d, which is to-day's quotation.

The chief cause for the firmness has been that substantial orders have been received from the Indian Bazaar, and these, coming on a market where the supplies have for some time been easily absorbed by Home and Continental coinage orders, have naturally caused an advance. China, too, has been a considerable buyer, although there has also been a little selling from that quarter. The fact that the stock of silver held in London has been found to be considerably less than had been estimated, has also not been without its influence, and it is felt that although there may be considerable stocks in New York, the demand is likely to absorb slightly increased supplies without any unfavourable effect on quotations.

PUBLIC AUCTION

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THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on **WEDNESDAY, the 29th December, 1915,** commencing at 2.30 p.m. at No. 2 Old Bailey

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture comprising—
Pinch and Tapestry covered couches and chairs, Cherrywood desks, round table and stool, Blackwood chairs and flower stands, Teak overmantels, Mantel clocks, Japanese embroidered screens, Teak bookcases, Engravings, Lace curtains, Brass fenders, Electric ceiling and table fans and lamps, carpets, rugs, etc., etc.

Teak extension dining table and chairs, teak sideboard, glass cabinet, leather covered armchair, E.P. ware, cutlery and crockery.
Double brass bedstead, Mahogany and teak double and single wardrobes with glass doors, toilet table and washstand, chest-of-drawers, Cherrywood trunk, toilet crockery, enameled bath etc.

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1915.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on **TUESDAY, the 28th December, 1915** commencing at 11 a.m. at Mody's Godown, Wanchai.

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Friday, 23rd January.	23rd January.
Monday, 13th February.	13th February.
Wednesday, 29th March.	29th March.
Thursday, 27th April.	27th April.
Friday, 30th May.	30th May.
Monday, 28th June.	28th June.
Wednesday, 28th July.	28th July.
Friday, 29th August.	29th August.
Tuesday, 28th September.	28th September.
Thursday, 27th October.	27th October.
Friday, 28th November.	28th November.
Tuesday, 22nd December.	22nd December.

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nized.

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ing undelivered after the 24th

inst. will be subject to rent.

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1915.

NOTICE

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A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.
The name of A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., whose premises are situated in Des Voeux Road, where they carry on an extensive business as pharmacists, wine merchants, and general confectioners, is synonymous with reliability. This, indeed, is the keynote of the success which their business has attained and the large clientele which the firm enjoys, and the continued patronage of the public, provides the best testimony they can have. Their various departments, without exception, contain goods which bear the hall mark of class. Special attention has been bestowed on Christmas gifts, and here one can secure, at very moderate charges, the many articles which go to form presents in keeping with the festive season. In perfumery, confectionery, choice wines, and smokers' requisites, the firm possesses one of the best and most varied stocks in the Colony at prices which suit all pockets.

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This well-known and enterprising firm is quite prepared for the Christmas rush in the matter of things musical. Owing to the ever-increasing demand for the Victor Victrola and Victor records, Messrs. Montrie and Co. have found it necessary to erect another demonstrating room at their store. The new room, being entirely sound proof to all external noise, will prove a boon for Victor records demonstrating. A complete line of all the different styles of Victrolas is stocked and the prices suit the convenience of every purse. The firm's very extensive stock of records will enable intending purchasers to make a choice selection. So far as pianos are concerned, the 1915 model Montrie piano gives ample evidence of the great strides made in the manufacture of these instruments, of which nearly 2,000 are now in use. With practically 40 years' experience, Montrie's are able to guarantee their pianos for a test period of five years, which is ample proof of the standing qualities of these instruments. New models have also arrived of the famous Weber and Allison pianos. In keeping with all things musical, they have a large and varied stock of new music, and instruments of all kinds.

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Probably one half of the European population in the Colony reside in hotels, but, notwithstanding, people do occasionally like a little change from the routine which is apt to become very tiresome when one sees the same faces day after day at the same tables. A change is as good as a rest, so it is said, and if this be true, a rest can be had at the Hongkong Hotel, where the management, in response to the request of many patrons and others, have arranged a series of dances to be held during the Christmas season. These dances, which are to be open to residents and diners in the hotel, will take place on Christmas Eve, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve, and, by kind permission of Lord

Colonel L. A. Watson and officers, the Band of the Punjab, under Bandmaster Christian, will be in attendance. Special menus are to be served each night.

Donnelly and White.
According to the well-known saying, "Good wine needs no bush." To a certain extent this is quite true, but everyone does not know where that good wine can be procured. It behooves those, therefore, who wish to grace the festive board this Yuletide with good liquor to either write or call at the premises of the above firm, where they will be sure of receiving expert advice, and, if they purchase, the very best wines it is possible to get anywhere in the Colony. The terms are most reasonable, and, for the convenience of customers, the firm has made up assorted cases, thereby doing away with a great deal of the trouble which attaches to a purchase of this description. There are, of course, varying prices, but the lowest priced case can be thoroughly recommended, as can the higher priced ones, and none can fail to give satisfaction. Liquors of the premier brands are in stock and a bottle of any particular brand can be placed in any case.

The Victoria Dispensary.
When one hears the word "chemist" one almost instinctively thinks of obnoxious drugs, and these at all times, and particularly at Christmas, are things which people do their best to avoid. But in these days, up-to-date chemists' shops are replete with other articles of a more delectable nature than medicines and ointments, and the Victoria Dispensary is not behind in this regard. Residents wishing to buy presents of a seasonable character will do well to pay a visit to the above shop, where an excellent stock of perfumes, cigars, cigarettes, and a large and varied assortment of cigar and cigarette holders is on view. In keeping with a firm of the standing of the Victoria Dispensary, the articles sold are of the very best quality and the approval of purchasers is a foregone conclusion.

Gande, Price and Co., Ltd.
Who has not experienced that thrill of delight when at school on the receipt of a Christmas hamper—the anticipation which precedes the opening, and the gratification when the contents are revealed? Those days have gone past for the older ones, but there are still Christmas hampers capable of affording as much pleasure to adults as the ones in the old days did. Such hampers can be obtained at Gande, Price and Co., Ltd.—hampers which contain the choicest of choice wines and spirits. In fact, they contain everything which should be and can reasonably be expected to be on the table at Christmas. The various brands are of tip-top quality, and are fit to grace the best of tables. In their favor it should be said that the prices are very modest, and the No. 2 hamper is little inferior to the

No. 1. A visit to Gande, Price and Co., will help greatly towards solving the what-to-drink problem.

William Powell, Ltd.
One of the best known firms in the Colony is that of William Powell, Ltd., whose reputation for enterprise is above question. For Christmas, they are making a special show, and a glance at their well-arranged and well-stocked windows will no doubt call to mind just something you want which you have not seen elsewhere. There are beautiful presents in large array. The ladies especially will be suited by the excellent display of goods. There is an ample choice of such presents as handbags for sets, umbrellas and en-tout cas, dainty neckwear, fancy handkerchiefs, gloves, and scarves, and a multitude of other articles guaranteed to please. One must not forget the toys, Messrs. Powell's stock of which it would be hard to beat.

Hongkong Cigar Store.
Perhaps smokers' requisites form one of the most popular of the large variety of Christmas presents. And at this time the gentler sex should not forget the above store, because, let it be whispered, there they will be shown the easiest way out of a difficulty which really presents no light problem, and they will have the satisfaction of knowing that the articles they buy there will be most acceptable to their recipients. The Hongkong Cigar Store has an exceptional stock of what is sure to give satisfaction. It is a well-known fact that here one can purchase the best cigars and cigarettes to be had, and, in addition, the firm has a wonderful selection of cigar and cigarette holders and cases, and many other things which will please male friends. In their other departments the firm has a large number of beautiful articles, such as silver, copper and bronze ware, and other ornaments of a dainty character. The store is one of the places in the Colony which should not be missed this week.

The Robinson Piano Company.
It is inconceivable what Christmas would be like without music to cheer and add that genial atmosphere to the festive season which is so indispensable, and in recent years the piano, although not supererogated, has been a close rival in the gramophone and phonograph. The last named instruments are becoming greater favorites each year because of the diversity of the music they afford. To intending purchasers of either instrument we would point out that the Robinson Piano Company has a fine range from which to choose. It has almost every make of piano to suit varying tastes, and its gramophones, which are among the best obtainable in the Colony, are as perfect as inventive genius can make them. For those who are lovers of piano music, and who regret the lack of accomplishment to play, the Robinson Piano Co. can supply the newest auto piano, with a number of rolls of the latest music, at astonishingly modest prices. Anyone visiting the premises may rest assured of receiving the best attention, skill and advice from the manager and his assistants.

The Alexandra Cafe.
Almost everyone knows what a pleasure it is to dine out on occasions, especially when the restaurant they choose is one of the leading ones in the particular place in which they reside and at which they are sure of good food and of being well served. Those who wish once again to partake of that pleasure can do so at Christmas, or at any other time for that matter, at the Alexandra Cafe. They will be sure of hot roasts always being ready on hand, and not only that, but the menu of this well-known cafe is sure to be exceedingly well arranged. Essentially Christmas fare will be put up, and for that reason alone it will be all the more

acceptable. The service is exceptionally good, too, and patrons may be sure that they will go away with that comfortable feeling which is present when one has partaken of a well-cooked, well-served dinner.

Mackintosh and Co., Ltd.
The above firm is one of the best known in the Colony. It possesses a big reputation for reliability and correct taste as well as for the quality of its goods. In keeping with the festive season which is now on us, Messrs. Mackintosh and Co. have filled their premises with the newest of new goods, the stock including an excellent array of tastefully designed ties, warm mufflers (which should prove a boon to the Volunteers), stoles, cuff links, etc., all of which are exceptionally well suited to form Christmas presents for relatives and friends. An inspection of the firm's stock will be time well spent.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co.
It is no exaggeration to say that one could probably spend a whole day in this firm's premises at any time of the year, but when Christmas draws nigh, and special arrangements have been made to tempt the public, it is with a feeling of lingering regret that one leaves the building, especially as in the case of those who are lovers of children, for here there is such a wonderful large assortment of the most wonderful toys, games, and general novelties so dear to the hearts of the little ones, that a direct appeal is made. There is everything from the rocking horse to the motor car, and a large consignment of dolls has just arrived. The grocery department, as in former years, possesses a very comprehensive stock of table delicacies so indispensable at Christmas time. Ties and other articles required by gentlemen can be procured in the gent's department, and even in the furniture department there are new goods which cannot fail to appeal to visitors at the store.

The Peak Hotel.
The above hotel is known to be one of the best situated in the Colony, both from a health point of view and also for the excellent panoramas it commands. It is always well patronized by residents and visitors, and at Christmas this fact is worth noting, for the more the guests the more merrier will be the time. The management has arranged that there shall be a special dinner for residents and visitors on Christmas Day, and it is anticipated, too, that there will be some music arranged. For those who have not yet decided how they will spend the festive season it may be suggested that a walk up The Peak in the afternoon, and dinner at The Peak Hotel, would not be out of place. The excellence of the food and service is too familiar to need any praise, and guests at the Hotel will be quite certain of having a good dinner and a happy time.

Messrs. Kelly and Walsh.
There are, in these days, hundreds of mechanical toys for the children which were unknown some years ago and as time goes on their number increases. But, none the less, picture story books will, as they have always done, hold the premier place in the hearts of little ones. For Christmas, Messrs. Kelly and Walsh anticipated that there would be a great demand for these popular presents, and large and new stocks were procured from Home.

Patrons will therefore know where they can be best suited. The firm has also received a large and varied consignment of other goods to meet the tastes of every section of the community. For instance, a nice present to make at this season to an adult is a really good book, and here will be found some of the latest works by

the most popular authors. There are many other useful articles which Messrs. Kelly and Walsh can also supply, such as fountain pens, pipes and all manner of smokers' requisites.

Wiseman, Limited.
There are many people this Christmas who will stay at home and entertain friends in their own houses or flats, but in more cases than one they will not care to trust their own cooks with the important work of preparing their Christmas fare. Wiseman, Limited, have anticipated this difficulty, and, for the convenience of those so situated, they have arranged to have a large stock of freshly-baked Christmas cakes, pastries and other delectable dainties ready for those who require them; and it is a foregone conclusion that there will be a big demand. As confectioners, Wiseman, Limited, are noted, and customers will have the assurance that everything they buy here will be of the very best. The baking is under the supervision of their English manager, who is in possession of gold medals for the baking of Christmas puddings and Dundee cakes, and patrons, therefore, are bound to be satisfied.

Messrs. Dias Bros.
The smartly-dressed man always claims attention, and this rule applies just as much in Hongkong as elsewhere. It is, therefore, of the highest importance to the business man that he should be neatly and at the same time smartly fitted with a good suit. Guaranteeing to supply men with a perfect fit, Messrs. Dias Bros., of 1, Wyndham Street, ought to be visited by those who stand in need of something new in the clothing line. Nothing would be nicer for the holiday than one of this firm's latest suits, a very large selection of materials being kept in stock from which customers may choose. Established in 1900, Messrs. Dias Bros. have made for themselves a reputation that has been maintained by satisfaction being given, and every attention will be bestowed on all customers.

The Sending of Parcels.
The sending away of parcels is always a matter that gives some concern, but if they are entrusted to the care and supervision of Wells Fargo and Company it is certain that the utmost care will be exercised over their dispatch and delivery. To any part of the world parcels can be sent through this well-known firm, special attention being given to the shipping of tourists' baggage and purchases. The Hongkong representatives are Messrs. B. Monteith Webb and Co., of 14, Chater Road, who will be pleased to give any information to those desiring the same. Travellers often find a difficulty in getting their cheques cashed, but they are always accommodated in this direction by this firm.

A. B. The Swedish Trading Co., Ltd., of York Building, have established a reputation for reliability of goods sold and their stock includes many articles useful to engineering men and suitable for household use. Among their special lines at the present time is the Jangle Electric Accumulator, which would be a valuable adjunct to those who possess electric lamps or cars. It has been described as the ideal accumulator for any kind of lighting or ignition device, and this claim is fully upheld by users. This firm also announces that a large assortment of accumulators and cells has just arrived and those having need of such should not fail to pay a visit to their premises.

Mr. N. Lazarus.
Equipped with the latest scientific instruments for testing the sight, Mr. N. Lazarus, of 28, Queen's Road, certainly claims attention by the ever growing number of people who have to have recourse to the aid of glasses. One of the advantages attending a visit to this establishment

is that the eyes are tested free of all charge, and if it should be found necessary to recommend glasses these are supplied on the most reasonable of terms. At Christmas time one should give a heed to such things as the eyes, for true enjoyment is sure to be marred if the bad condition of them brings with it the inevitable headaches. Whilst folk are keen on supplying presents to friends, they should not be forgetful of their own welfare, and it would be a profitable investment to secure the aid of properly adjusted and helpful glasses.

Grand Hotel de l'Europe.
To those who have to travel, the question of hotel accommodation is one that is apt to give rise to a considerable amount of speculation as to which is the best establishment to patronize, but for those going to Singapore this need not be a source of worry, for the Grand Hotel de l'Europe, which is the best situated hotel in the town, is both reasonable and productive of every comfort. A fact that will be appreciated is that every room has its own bath room, with dressing room attached, and the most up-to-date sanitary arrangements prevail throughout the establishment. Mr. H. B. Waring, the acting manager, will be pleased to answer any enquiries.

New Macao Hotel.
Macao is sufficiently attractive to merit quite a large influx of visitors from Hongkong for the holiday, and for those who intend to make the journey it might be pointed out that the New Macao Hotel, on the Praya Grande, offers both for residents and tourists, excellent accommodation. The hotel has been entirely renovated throughout and newly furnished, and is up-to-date in every respect. One of the principal things is that the terms are moderate.

Messrs. Ching Cheong.
The many varied uses that kerosene oil is put to create a very large demand for this article. In the realm of cooking, heating, locomotion and lighting it is widely used, but one of the essential things connected with its use is that it must be pure. Guaranteeing all kerosene oil sold by them to be pure and unadulterated, Messrs. Ching Cheong, of 188, Des Voeux Road, and Kwong Yuen, of 91, Des Voeux Road West, claim the patronage of all users of this oil. Two special qualities are kept in stock, and both these are as reliable as their high qualities permit.

Man Loong.
Laying claim to be the leading manufacturers in the Colony of first-class preserves, ginger and soy, Messrs. Man Loong, whose office is at 36, Des Voeux Road West, should enjoy a good trade at this time of the year, when the purchasing of such delicacies is one of the features of the holiday. The factory at Yau-mat is a model of cleanliness, whilst the fruit and ginger are all fresh and of the first pick. Only the best quality of sugar is used in the making of the syrup, and the products of this firm are both rich in quality and of the most reasonable nature.

Standard Life Assurance Co.
With the coming of the New Year, when so many good resolutions are made, only to be broken in many cases, it is as well to remind our readers that they should begin to look after such things as insurance policies. That the Standard Life Assurance Company is one of the very best to join is proved by the vast experience of those who belong to it. A thing that should appeal to all parents is the new scheme for children's early endowment, the features of which are particularly attractive. A pamphlet and full particulars will be sent on application to the agents at Hongkong, Messrs. Dobwell and Co., Ltd.

Edie Garage.
Those desiring a motor car can be assured of expert service and every satisfaction by visiting the Edie Garage, at 23-25, Des Voeux

Road, no matter whether it is for hire or purchase. This firm has already established a reputation for efficiency with economy, and, judging by the growing business, has become quite a prominent commercial concern. Up to about four years ago such a thing as a motor car was quite unknown in the Colony, but now they are to be seen at almost every turn. The reason is no doubt that the fine trips to be enjoyed have proved a fascination to the public and at this time of the year this is the case more than ever. For the Christmas holiday a "joy-ride" as motor trips have been described—ought to be a most attractive feature. Those who think of going in for this ought surely to remember the Edie Garage.

Asahi Beer.
The splendid qualities of Asahi beer are well-known throughout the East and nowhere more so than in Hongkong. Made by the Dai Nippon Brewery Co., Tokio, Japan, this light lager beer has everything to recommend it to the public. As a thirst-quencher of a palatable and refreshing nature, it stands almost unrivalled, and its huge sale testifies to the fact that it is appreciated by all who become acquainted with it. These agents in Hongkong are the Minmi Bosuan Kaisha, and in ordering the Christmas drinks people will do well to remember this firm.

Nomura Bros.
It is natural that everyone should want to look at their best of the Christmas holiday, and there is no more important factor for attractiveness than correct toilet. At Messrs. Nomura Bros' hair-dressing saloon, 18, Queen's Road Central (opposite the Hongkong Hotel Buildings), customers will find that their individual requirements are attended to with the utmost care and attention. This firm specializes in electric face massage, an increasingly popular treatment.

Dragon Cycle Depot.
The increasing popularity of the motor car as a means of enjoyment has been evidenced very strikingly in the Colony of late and there is every reason to justify the fact, for a spin round the island provides one with a healthy and most enjoyable diversion to the everyday things of life. Whilst it is not possible for everyone to own a car of his own, it is possible to hire a car for a most reasonable amount, and many residents owe to the prompt and cheap service maintained by the Dragon Cycle Depot, which, besides having cars for hire, has a good stock of cars for sale. What could be nicer on Christmas Day than a trip in one of this firm's excellently appointed cars? For the convenience of Kowloon residents it might be pointed out that the Kowloon Branch is at 26, Nathan Road.

Anderson, Music Co.
For real, sound value no one should fail to visit the Anderson Music Company's shop at 8, Des Voeux Road, where the best of everything in the musical line is kept in stock. The sole agents for the celebrated pianos by Collard and Collard and Broadwood of London, the Company claims to have, by reason of a fresh arrival of instruments this week, the finest selection of pianos in the Colony—of all sorts of British make. The all-round excellence of the Collard gramophones and records is well-known and of both instruments and records the firm are the sole agents for Hongkong and South China. During the past few days these firms have received over 2,000 new records and several machines, the most including selections from popular operas as well as the best of ragtime and Gipsy music. The stock is constantly added to, and the last few weeks' arrivals have been specially selected to meet the taste of the public. For more information, apply to the Anderson Music Company, 8, Des Voeux Road.

COMMERCIAL.

Chinese Insurance.
More than ten Fire and Marine Insurance Companies have been started after the Western system by the Chinese in Hankow lately, and especially within these last three months. They seem to be greatly favoured by the public, for the business of all is very flourishing. Another named "Yang Chen" opened its doors the day before yesterday.—H. W. P.

The China-Siam Bank in Liquidation.

There was a meeting of the Committee of Inspection of the above bank at the office of the Official Receiver in Bangkok on November 23 to consider the matter of applications of debtors asking for time to pay and other matters. Nai Chawan, who asked to redeem certain land had undertaken to China-Siam Bank of the City Bank, 500 was allowed to the Hongkong Pab, guarantee of Chieng Seng, a reduction of 25 per cent of the claim did not succeed. Chin Toh Chin, who asked to purchase a plot of land of Chin Han at Klong Ban Luang for 2,700 was informed that the land would be sold by auction.

Bombay Cloth Market.

An interesting first-hand account of the state of the Bombay cloth market, written by a native merchant, has been published in the native paper "Jame-e-Jamshed." The story is one of the vicissitudes of the first twelve months of war, and it needs no more than a statistical account to show that these have been severe. The balance of goods at the beginning of 1914 was 110,000 packages, and the rise to 132,000 at the end of July gave alarm. But by December the stock in Government godowns had become 170,000 packages, and merchants were holding a further quarter million of Indian-made goods. Manchester prices fell and Bombay prices fell with them; but the holders of this dismaying stock had their hands full, and being in no position to buy at low prices had to be content to sell at them. They at any rate reduced the balance to 110,000 packages at the end of July still. Bleached stocks are large still, and Mr. Narasimha Purnachari tells of losses upon them of from 50 to 100 rupees per case. Some of them as are made for dyeing are unsaleable for want of dyes, and although it is admitted that good profits have been made out of longcloths, little can be done with either muslins or muslins. Dyed cloths and prints have fetched prices corresponding with the scarcity of coloured goods, and dealers have by no means lost money upon woolsens, of which some fetch an increase of 33 per cent. Local makes of greys are too cheap to make Manchester goods greys a profitable case. The latter sell both because they are cheap and because the market likes the finish, and they are cheap partly in virtue of the freights, and also because the Japanese by their system of selling avoid heavy commission. Japanese competition presents a problem to the Bombay mills no less than to Lancashire. An Indian grey drill at 8d. 9d. per lb. is dogged by a Japanese substitute at 7d. 9d. for which Indian mills have been used to get 8d. 8d., and the Japanese are beginning also to make headway with calendered longcloths closely resembling the articles that form the staple Bombay production. Japanese yarns are obtaining a new prominence in competition with Indian makes in China. Japan had been supposed not to be able to spin the 8's-10's, which formed so large a part of Indian trade with China; but news has been received that such yarns have been produced and been exported.

Scottish Women's Hospital Fund at Hankow.

The sum of twenty pounds sterling has been sent to the Scottish Women's Hospital for Foreign Service by the Scottish Women of Hankow.

SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

STOCK	To-day's Closing Price	Number of Shares	Par Value	1914 Highest	1914 Lowest	1915 Highest	1915 Lowest	Last Dividend and Date
Banks.								
H'kong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	120,000	125	all	385	July	706	Oct. 245	div. 700 a. div. 225/- at 1/8 & 1/16 equal to 324.21 for 14 year 30/6/15
Marine Insurance.								
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	10,000	250	20	330	Dec.	305	Oct. 485	Final of 1/8 a/c 1913. Interim of 1/8 a/c 1914.
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	10,000	215	20	145	May	132	Jan. 175	Final of 1/8 p.c. making 25 p.c. for 1914.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.	12,400	250	100	847	April	700	Oct. 1972	Final of 1/8 and bonus of 35 making 35/- for 1913 and Interim of 30/- for 1914.
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	12,000	100	80	210	April	192	Jan. 220	Final of 1/8 making 1/8 for 1913 & Int. of 35 for 1914
Fire Insurance.								
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	20	160	July	140	Oct. 162	30 for 1913
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	8,000	250	50	395	Feb.	368	April 420	327 for 1913
Shipping.								
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	50	all	36	Mar.	27 1/2	Nov. 94	44 for year ending 30.6.15
Hongkong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	30,000	15	all	29 1/2	Jan.	22	Dec. 23	Final of 40 cts. making 90 cts. for year ending 31.12.14
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000	25	all	79	Jan.	50	Sept. 162	6 p.c. on p.a. & 3 p.c. on d.a. for year 1914 & quoted ex 9 p.c. div. in H.K. from 29.12.13 an interim div. of 6 p.c. on the combined & paid in London 29.12.13 quoted ex div. in H.K. 1.12.14
Shell T'port & Trading Co., Ltd.	3,797,610	21	all	106 1/2	Feb.	70 1/2	Sept. 90 1/2	Final of 5/- (Coupon No. 24) making 7/- for 1914
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	40,000	10	all	49	Mar.	49	Nov. 39	1/10 per share and bonus of 40 cents per share for year ending 30.4.15
Railways.								
China S. Refining Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	all	96 1/2	Feb.	70	Nov. 134	34 for 1912
Luxon S. Refining Co., Ltd.	7,000	100	all	31	Jan.	17	Dec. 46	34 for 1897
Mining.								
Kailan Mining Administration.	1,000,000	21	all	41 1/2	Feb.	33 1/2	Dec. 33 1/2	Interim of 1/- account year ending 30.6.15 (Coupon No. 5.)
Ramb. Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	21	all	310	Jan.	190	Nov. 4	1/2 for 1909
Tronoh Mines Ltd.	160,000	21	all	39 1/2	Jan.	19 1/2	Nov. 32 1/2	25/- b.t. interim a/c 1915 paid 12.7.15
Ural Caspian	796,666	21	all	56 1/2	Jan.	21 1/2	Nov. 41	37 1/2 1/- interim 1915
Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.								
H'kong & S.W. & G. Co., Ltd.	10,000	50	all	89	Jan.	73	Nov. 81 1/2	63 for year ending 30.6.15
H'kong & W.P. & D. Co., Ltd.	20,000	50	all	77	Jan.	53	Oct. 38 1/2	57 for year ending 30.6.15
Shai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	55,000	100	all	60	July	50	Dec. 63 1/2	49 ex div. 30.4.15
Shai & H'kew W. Co., Ltd.	36,000	100	all	109	Jan.	82 1/2	Dec. 93 1/2	80 Tia. 5 for 1914
Land, Hotels and Buildings.								
Anglo French Lands	13,000	100	all	128	July	120	Dec. 116	112 Tia. 6 1/2 for year ending 29.2.14
H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	20,000	50	all	128	July	120	Dec. 116	112 Tia. 6 1/2 for year ending 29.2.14
H'kong Land Investment Co., Ltd.	50,000	100	all	117 1/2	July	98	Nov. 111	108 Tia. 6 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15
H'kong Estate & T. Co., Ltd.	150,000	100	all	91 1/2	Jan.	7	Nov. 72	63 10 cts. for year ending 1914
T'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	250	30	45 1/2	Jan.	44	Feb. 40	40 Tia. 12 for 1913
Shanghai Lands	78,000	250	all	98	Dec.	69	Oct. 106	101 Tia. 12 for 1913
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	72,000	50	all	73	June	65	Feb. 103	70 Tia. 12 for 1913
H'kong Central Estates	10,000	100	all	73	June	65	Feb. 103	70 Tia. 12 for 1913
Cotton Mills.								
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	all	128	July	125	May 180	142 Tia. 16 for year ending 31.10.15
Kung Yik	20,000	100	all	144	Jan.	11	Mar. 17	133 Tia. 150 for year ending 30.11.14
Luen Kung Mow	8,000	100	all	110	Feb.	70	May 89	80 Tia. 12 for 1913
Shanghai Cottons	40,000	150	all	135	Feb.	70	Nov. 105	50 Tia. 12 for 1913
Miscellaneous.								
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	10,000	100	all	12	May	10	Dec. 10	10 25 cents for 1914
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	50,000	50	all	450	July	4	April 474	474 6% for year ending 28.2.06
Do. (Spec. shares)	50,000	50	all	9	Jan.	7	Nov. 10 1/2	810 70 cts. for 1914
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	125,000	100	all	39	June	35	Aug. 34	31 11.25 for year ending 31.7.15
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	40,000	75	all	6	Jan.	5	Dec. 11	670 50 cts. for 1914
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	400,000	100	all	49	Jan.	36	Nov. 45	39 22.00 per share for 1914
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	6,000	25	all	217 1/2	July	174	Dec. 190	189 Interim of 2/- account 1915
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	6,000	100	all	25	June	22	Apr. 48 1/2	25 Interim 1/10 for year ending 30.6.15
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	325,000	50	all	13 1/2	July	7 1/2	Feb. 5.50	4.80 Tia. 10 for 1914
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	250,000	20	all	66 1/2	Mar.	28	Dec. 42	36 1/2 Interim of Tia. 1 making Tia. 2 a/c 1913
Langkate	25,000	100	all	10 1/2	Jan.	9 1/2	June 10	9 70 cts. on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on 1/2 paid shares for year ending 30.4.15
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	50,000	100	all	93	Jan.	25	Dec. 51	80 cts. Tia. 15 for 1910
Do (New)	50,000	100	all	93	Jan.	25	Dec. 51	80 cts. Tia. 15 for 1910
Philippines Ld.	75,000	100	all	10	Jan.	10	Jan. 10	10 None
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	12,000	100	all	10	Jan.	10	Jan. 10	10 None
Societe des Pulpes et Papier-teries du Tonkin	13,200	50	all	5	Jan.	5	Jan. 5	5 None
Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	20,000	50	all	5.00	June	4	Nov. 3 1/2	3.00 25 cts. for year ending 31.3.15
Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	27,223	100	all	22 1/2	Feb.	17	Jan. 18	16 Tia. 1.00 per share for year ending 31.12.14
Watson and Co., Ltd.	90,000	100	all	8 1/2	April	6.50	Dec. 6.90	div. 6 1/2 x div. 60 cts. for 1914
William Powell, Limited	11,000	50	all	2 1/2	Jan.	6 1/2	Dec. 7	5 1/2 50 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new year shares for year ending 30.6.14
S. C. Morning Post	6,000	25	all	30	June	92	Dec. 29	20 Tia. 1.50 for 1914

LATEST RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

Anglo-Java Estates Ltd. Tia. 12.70 sellers.	Ayer Panas (Straits) \$6.80 buy.	Kempas (Straits) \$4.40 buyers.	Sandycrofts (Straits) \$7.00 buyers.
Anglo-Dutch Tia. 6 sellers.	Balgownie (Straits) \$3 1/2 buy.	Malaka Pindas (Straits) \$1.90 buyers.	Pajam (Straits) \$13.00 buyers.
Linggis 14/9 buyers 15/6 sellers.	Changkat Seridangs (Straits) \$4.75 buyers.	Malakoff (Straits) \$3.45 buyers.	New Serendah \$2.40 buyers.

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ANY SUBSEQUENT ALTERATIONS WILL BE FOUND IN "UP TO THE MINUTE SHARE MARKET NEWS." THE TELEGRAPH DOES NOT HOLD ITSELF RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE QUOTATIONS.

EXCHANGE

22nd Dec.

Selling.	T/T Bombay	On Haiphong	Gold Leaf per oz.
T/T 1/10 15/16	Demand Bombay 143	On Saigon 5	\$59.40
30 d/s 1/11	T/T Calcutta	On Bangkok 51	\$70.50 nom.
60 d/s 1/11 1/8	Demand Calcutta 143	Buying	Bar Silver ready 25 1/16 forward
4 m/s 1/11 3/16	Demand Manila 90 1/2 Nom.	4 m/s L/C 1/11 5/8	
	T/T San Fco. & N.Y. 44 1/2	4 m/s D/P 1/11 3/4	
	Demand New York 44 7/8	4 m/s L/C 1/11 7/8	
	T/T Java 108 1/2	30 d/s San Fco. & N.Y. 48 1/2	
	T/T Java 108 1/2	4 m/s Marks Nom.	
	T/T Java 108 1/2	4 m/s Marks 27 1/2	
	T/T Java 108 1/2	6 m/s Marks 28 1/2	
	T/T Java 108 1/2		

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CAPITAL PAID-UP \$3,250,000
RESERVE FUNDS 4,210,000

(U.S. Gold) \$7,460,000
All kinds of FOREIGN & LOCAL BANKING BUSINESS transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received at rates to be ascertained on application.

N. S. MARSHALL
Manager
Hongkong, 1st July 1915

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.
Authorized Capital Yen 48,000,000
Paid-up Capital " 30,000,000
Reserve Fund " 20,000,000

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Paid-up Capital \$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS:
Sterling \$1,500,000 at 2/-
— \$15,000,000
Silver \$18,000,000

Reserve Liability of \$33,000,000
Proprietors \$15,000,000
COURT OF DIRECTORS:
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Hongkong—Interest Allowed.
On Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent per annum.
For 6 months, 3 per cent per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent per annum.

N. J. STARR
Chief Manager

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3 1/2 per cent per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
N. J. STARR
Chief Manager

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Head Office 15, Gracechurch Street, London.

Authorized Capital £1,500,000
Subscribed " 1,125,000
Paid Up " 562,500
Reserve Fund " 500,000

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